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Worth Checking Out

Go to the flow

Friends of Five Creeks and the City of Albany invite you to jump into the flow and help clean Codornices Creek between San Pablo Avenue and Fifth Street on May 16. The cleanup starts at 10 a.m. and volunteers are encouraged to wear old clothes, sturdy shoes, and work gloves. Bagels from Noah's on Solano and orange drink from McDonald's at 1198 San Pablo will be provided. Meet at the northern end of Eighth Street off Gilman Street in Berkeley. Details: 528-5760.

Special ASD meeting

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education will award the bid for construction of the new Middle School at a special open session meeting Tuesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornell School multi-purpose room. Cornell School is located at 901 Cornell Avenue.

AAUW meeting

The Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women will hear "The Untold Story of the California Indian Role in the Gold Rush," with speaker Dorothy M. Hood, executive director of the Oakland Museum and volunteer coordinator.

In addition, Alliance for Public Education member Gary Freschi, will show a video and speak for the passage of Measure E on the June ballot.

The meeting is Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Guests are welcome.

Teen Center flea market

Albany's Bill Lewis Teen Center is currently accepting reservations for booth spaces for its second annual Spring Cleaning Flea Market. The flea market will take place on Saturday June 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Teen Center flea market is a great opportunity to sell collectibles and look for new ones. Last year over 2,000 people attended the sale.

A 14-by-14 booth space (with one table and two chairs) costs \$15. Additional tables are available for a nominal fee. Details: Leah Smalley, 525-0576.

Twilight Storytime

Twilight Storytime, for ages 3 to 5, has resumed at the Albany Library. Suzi Sargent's series takes place Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. through May 27. For more information call 526-3720. The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave.

Science Fair fun

Junior scientists age 2 to 7 can experience the joy of discovery at Kensington Nursery School's annual Science Fair on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Explore over 15 "hands-on" science discovery stations, including rockets, volcanoes and magnets, and special attractions Space World and Astro Trip. Admission: \$5 for children, accompanying adults free. Kensington Nursery School & Day Care is located at 52 Arlington Ave.

ACLU session

All ACLU members in the greater Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, El Cerrito, Kensington area interested in reinvigorating the local ACLU chapter are invited to attend an organizational meeting on May 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 2139 Ward St., Berkeley. Details: Diana Wellum, 841-2069 or email dwellum@aol.com

AHS Groove Fest

The first annual "Groove Fest" will be held at the Albany High School Little Theater May 15 and 16. Featuring the exciting R & B Band Rhythm Bound and the AHS Jazz Band, The Groove Fest is a benefit to replace used and worn instruments at Albany High. Both bands will be performing new material at all three shows. Shows are Friday May 15, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m., and at 8 p.m. in the AHS Little Theater. Music. All three performances will also feature the newly-formed jazz quintet, "District 5." Tickets: \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. Details: 559-6550, ext. 4748.

Around Town

If shoppers promise to come, will they build it?

By Chris Treadway
Journal editor

GOT GOTTSCHALKS? So what of last week's EC council meeting? What of the meeting's pledge by the Plaza co-owners to talk to Gottschalks? Just talk to land an extension on enactment of the promised exclusive

negotiating rights agreement? Evidently not, according to accounts of last Wednesday's meeting between the Plaza Company's representative and the head of Gottschalks. "It's looking good. It's looking doable," was Plaza Manager Janet Jolley's assessment of accounts of the meeting.

Plaza Company representatives were no less upbeat this week.

"I'm actually looking forward to the next 50 days or so," said Dorian Bilak of the Plaza Company. "In the next 60 days (the time period set by the City Council for the Plaza co-owners to come back with a revised and more refined proposal) we should have a good idea where we are and where we want to go." That would include expense and revenue projections for the site, he added.

At the meeting of Plaza Company representative Mahmet Noyan and Gottschalks CEO Joe Levy, the department store chain outlined its vision for a presence at the Plaza. One of the possibilities: 70,000-square-foot pad with a 30,000-square-foot mezzanine, decidedly more than the speculation of 70,000 square feet thrown around at the meeting 10 days ago.

"There is interest" on the part of Gottschalks, said Noyan, adding that the retailer's CEO and its president indicated their "familiarity with the center, and familiarity with the city's interest."

The parties discussed and are working on possible site plans. Gottschalks' prototypical store occupies a 100,000-square-foot pad. "In this instance, they may be willing to do a slightly smaller store," Noyan said. Why? "It would be hard to get a Lucky-Savon and a full 100,000-square-foot store on the site without a parking structure."

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Loss of landfill cleanup funds stuns city

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In a move that has many shaking their heads in bewilderment, the State Department of Parks and Recreation reappropriated \$1.7 million slated for cleanup of the "bulb" area of the waterfront. The department action came in June 1997, although City Hall was not notified of the loss until January of this year.

"You would think they would pick up a phone ... This is just a common courtesy thing for me," said Assemblywoman Dion Aroner,

who has vowed to help the city regain the lost funds. According to Robert Cates, chief of the department's Planning, Acquisition and Environmental Design Division, the \$1.7 million is gone, gone, gone, because the city did not spend it fast enough.

"As far as our agency is concerned, the funds are reverted," said Cates, explaining that since the bond money was made available by state legislators in 1992, that in turn created the 1997 deadline. As for why the city was not notified of the June deadline, Cates said, "I guess we

could be criticized for that, for not writing them a letter at that time."

No need to guess, Robert. They're criticizing you plenty.

"This is just symptomatic of their hostility and their lack of interest toward this project," said City Administrator Daren Fields, who said he first heard of the problem informally last fall. Fields wrote to the Parks Department in September, then wrote again three months later when his first letter went unanswered. In January, Cates wrote back to apologize for the delay, and said the funds had reverted the pre-

vious June. A subsequent request by the city for an explanation has thus far gone unanswered.

"I haven't heard a thing," said Fields. "This is just classic bureaucratic inertia." As for why the department would take away the money without providing a warning or explanation, Fields characterized the move as part of a "constant pattern of behavior" by the department, which, he said, has been "disinterested at best, outright hostile at worst" toward long-standing

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A journey into the Middle Ages

Modern day archer Jelani Rafele, 13, lines up his 'bow' at Adams Middle School's annual Seventh Grade Medieval Faire last Thursday. There was an assortment of booths and entertainment devoted to either food or crafts reminiscent of the Medieval period. Left, Mariana Cavallia gets her palm read by history teacher Jamie Myrich. Prior to the event students worked in their English classes preparing original puppet plays centering on the Medieval theme. Photo: Jeff Lindquist

Slow process shoring up retaining wall

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — According to school principal Marla Korte, the "wheels are turning" but it's likely to be many months before the damaged retaining wall at Saint Jerome School is repaired.

The huge concrete wall collapsed in early February when water from El Niño rains collected between it and an asphalt play area. The force of the water built up and eventually pushed the wall from its moorings. Now only a partial wall is left—the eastern side is a pile of mud, steel bars and concrete chunks covered by a blue tarpaulin. The play area is fenced off with a temporary cyclone fence and yellow "Do Not Cross" tape. The sidewalk along Colusa Avenue below the remains of the 40-year-old retaining wall is closed to pedestrians.

According to Principal Korte, preliminary designs have been done by a San Francisco firm, Degenkolb Engineers, but nothing definite has been decided. "Our goal would be to complete it by the end of the summer," Korte said, but it all depends on the final design, the final cost and an OK from the city. According to Korte, after the school decides on a plan, it has to be approved by the city's Design Review Board and then bids from contractors have to be solicited and studied.

In a letter to school parents, Korte pointed out that the decision making process will include the Oakland Diocese, the Saint Jerome Parish and the Saint Jerome School Board Finance Committee.

"It's a slow process," Korte said. It is hoped that work on the wall will begin during summer vacation and will be completed before classes resume the last week of August. But Korte emphasized that the timetable is very tentative and things may take longer than expected. The cost of the new wall won't be known until after the design is chosen, approved, and bids are made.

At this point, Korte can't say if the new wall will be a simple replacement of the old one or a structure with some new features. "There isn't any news yet," she explained. "I can't say because I don't know," she added.

A muddy mess — continued rain hampers Solano

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Muddied but not beaten, construction crews on Solano Avenue have fought on through these strange rains of May, and, as predicted, businesses have suffered from the inconvenience the project is causing.

"It's terrible, really awful," said Lisa Bullwinkel, Executive Director of the Solano Avenue Association. Business owners interviewed last week agreed for the most part, saying a street without access or parking — let alone one infested by cement-busting heavy machinery — has not proved the most inviting of venues for Solano's normally steady flow

of shoppers.

"It's been something. It's been vibrating the whole building, but people are still coming in," said Liz Ibarra, manager of the recently-opened It's Her Business antique store. "It makes it hard when people can't drive."

"As you see, it has dropped dramatically," said Ben Mirabdel, owner of the Solano Express copy shop, pointing to his empty business last Friday. "People don't want to come through all this. When they see the closed sign (on the street), they just turn around."

The project has treated B. Bradley Antiques "very badly," said owner B. Bradley. "I would say half as (many cus-

tomers), maybe even less."

On the bright side, the first phase of the project was scheduled for completion this week, and construction is lagging only a week behind schedule as a result of various unexpected difficulties. To help businesses cope, discounted newspaper ads are available through both the association and the city. The association will hold a meeting for local businesses on May 26, and business owners are thinking positively and hope to survive what could be a long, tough haul.

Weather permitting, through-traffic was expected to return to all six blocks of the

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Lost parking is just one obstacle shoppers face.



Students tend the garden prior to the May 30 tour.

Good enough to make tour

Community garden part of Open Garden Day

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In a development that will literally put Albany on the map, the middle school's community garden has been included in the upcoming Open Garden Day, a project of the Center for Urban Education About Sustainable Agriculture.

The self-guided event, which includes gardens as far away as Santa

Rosa and San Jose, will allow the teachers, students and others who have built the garden from scratch to show off their impressive array of vegetables and flowers and what has been, by all accounts, a true community effort. Featuring a Zen-style rock garden, a native plant section and various experimental and class projects, the garden has

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■ Mayor's Desk

'Services' series offers insight into city workings

By Jane Bartke
Mayor of El Cerrito

On April 9, there was a kickoff meeting for the "Services for the 21st Century" at Fairmont Elementary School. There were several decisions made at that time as to how to proceed with the Task Force. Attendees developed ground rules for the conduct of meetings. It was agreed that (1) there will be no stacking of votes (2) there will be rotating chairs (3) city staff and council are there only as resources (4) all voting will be done before 10 p.m. (5) all meetings will stick to the agreed upon agenda (6) there will be no proxy votes (7) everyone will be heard with active listening and respectful speaking (8) questions will be answered fully and to the satisfaction of the group (9) subcommittees and priorities should be decided by the citizens, and (10) speakers should deal with ideas and not personalities, avoiding personal attacks. Barbara Chan, Anne Delehunt, Al Miller, and Thom Stark were chosen as rotating chairpersons.

Since the April 9 meeting, there have been three others. All meetings will be held at the Senior Center, behind the library on Stockton, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"The Committee of the Whole" will meet on the first and third

Plan to attend the Saturday, May 30 'Vision Festival,' where residents can participate in developing the city's revised General Plan.

Tuesdays. These meetings are open to all interested residents and your attendance would be greatly appreciated. The subcommittee "Financial Accountability Review Team" will also meet at the Senior Center, but on the alternate weeks of the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. You are also invited to attend these meetings.

The Police Department will be presenting what has happened in its department over the past two years, and going over its staffing and coverage of the city. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to get to know and understand city government and its workings. Future meetings will involve presentations by the Fire Department, Community Development Department, discussion of capital projects and infrastructure needs, Community and Administrative Department, General Government, and Redevelopment.

Put the dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

Measure A

There is active support around the community for Measure A for libraries. This Monday there was a kickoff meeting for interested individuals. There is a need for workers to write letters and to phone voters. If you can help in anyway, please phone "Yes for Libraries" at 472-9181 and offer your aid.

There is an update on the green bags left at doors by the United Cancer Group. You may call the director, Kip Sturgeon, at 1-800-222-1533 and request that the bags no longer be left at your door, or ask him questions about the amount of the donated funds that actually goes to charity.

Vision Festival

Saturday, May 30, will be the "Vision Festival." There all citizens can participate in developing the General Plan for the City of El Cerrito. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. More details will be published in *The Journal*.



■ Letters to the Editor

Petition drive will continue

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has signed my petitions asking Gottschalks to consider locating a store in El Cerrito. I would also like to thank the members of the community who were able to attend the City Council meeting Monday, May 4, for the warm reception and the genuine words of support for my actions. I may have started the petition drive, but it is everyone in the community who has made it so successful.

I was pleased to hear representatives of Lucky Stores and the El Cerrito Plaza Co. say that the petitions have gotten their attention on the subject of a department store in The Plaza. Hearing their words is one thing, but it is another to see their actions. For this reason, I am going to continue the petition drive, not to convince Gottschalks — we've done that — but to make sure Lucky Stores and the El Cerrito Plaza Co. work to put their words into actions to get the community the quality department store it wants, needs and deserves.

I am confident the community has the drive and the momentum to make sure this happens!

Kathleen J. Perka
El Cerrito

A good word for organic wholeness

Editor:

A few issues ago you ran a front page photo referring to an "underdeveloped Dowling Park." The photo was actually of the

University Village vegetable gardens. This wonderfully relaxing and connecting recreation and important food source seems lost to the vision of University, City, and Newspaper. Balanced financial sheets and competitive sports count; what about organic wholeness and cooperative regeneration?

Clifford D. Ham
El Cerrito

Stick with facts, not attacks

Editor:

Apparently my attempt to provide factual information about the watercourse, called Baxter Creek by some, has aroused animosity in Maryann Aberg and Lisa Viani. Their letter in the May 7 *Journal* spent much of its wordage in a diatribe against me instead of dealing with facts, as I had tried to do. They seem to think that where I live ("my lofty perch in the hills") has some effect on my ability to reason and observe impartially. They even hint that I may have some "vested interest" in pursuing the truth.

I have the deepest respect for all of my fellow citizens who follow their hearts and minds to work on what they perceive to improve life for the community. To those who have spent time and labor to clean a badly cluttered area, I say, "Thank you and bravo!" It so happens that my efforts have been in another direction, namely, to take an independent and objective look at City and Redevelopment finances. I have spent two years in service on citizen-staffed groups and countless hours in crunching numbers. I expect no plaudits for this since I chose to do it, and I

can only hope that my efforts have been of benefit to El Cerrito.

I agree with Aberg and Viani that maps need not be completely accurate. It should be noted that they accept a map, which they say exists, because it fits their position. Why should that map be any more reliable than the 1894 and 1899 maps I have which show no creek or watercourse in that area? Where on these old maps are the stream branches they cite? My poor, old eyes can't see any. As to preserving the old marsh that was drained by Santa Fe, that's impractical since the BART tracks would not tolerate it any more than the railroad could. Where is the meandering when I hiked the area.

It's important that the distinction between a ditch and a creek be recognized. If it is the former, then it can be relocated so as to make the area more suitable for development. If it is the latter, then preservation as is would be required. In either event, having a watercourse in the area is a positive feature and the Friends of Baxter Creek are to be congratulated for their efforts.

In the meantime, it would be well to stay with facts and to avoid personal attacks.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Teens need alternative activities

Editor:

Regarding teenagers on Solano: I have definitely noticed an increase of teenagers hanging out on Solano Avenue. Kains and the 7-Eleven are especially notorious, as well as the BART tracks. In the last year I have come across at least three groups of teenagers who were smoking marijuana in the broad daylight. And many kids feel intimidated to ride their

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■ Election Forum

Libraries deserve our support at the ballot box on June 2

By Janet Hildebrand

Benjamin Franklin had a great idea back in 1731 when he founded the first public library in the United States. Franklin's dream was to provide public access to educational resources that otherwise might not be available to people. His vision is perhaps even more important now than it was during the days of our nation's formation. After all, we now live in the "information age."

A well stocked, efficient library makes good sense: It makes good economic sense AND good recycling sense. A library provides access to information for everyone in our community at relatively low cost, and library resources — especially books — are used over and over again. So regardless of changes in technology and in our own personal lives, the public library is one common resource that serves the entire community in a cost-effective way.

A good public library is a good investment: It serves students and adults, and also provides resources to our senior citizen community that might not otherwise be available. Libraries are also one of the very best investments we can make to insure the success of future generations.

Recently, an El Cerrito library user provided a concrete example of how libraries help our community. A gentleman was looking for detailed information about the rapid outbreak of Hepatitis A in Spokane. With staff assistance, the newspaper index, on-line health databases, and the Internet, he found all the information he needed at the El Cerrito Library to build a persuasive presentation to his colleagues in the food production industry. His mission was to present a fact-based argument to those who handle our food supply and to impress on them why personal hygiene is so important in preventing disease and keeping our community healthy. Without the public library, he might not have had access to the resources he needed to make this important point — one that affects your health and mine.

Personally, I'm glad he had access to a public library. It was lucky he arrived when the library was open and at a time when there was adequate staff on hand to help with his research.

There can be no doubt that public libraries play a very significant role in our community. But they can only play a positive role when they are adequately stocked with up-to-date materials, staffed with experts

who can help people find resources they need, and are enough hours to be accessible to the community.

Are we maintaining libraries that meet these criteria and offer the potential of a public library envisioned by Benjamin Franklin? Consider these facts:

Out of 37 Bay Area libraries, Contra Costa County Library funded at a level second to last, current budget allocates \$14.80 per person to provide library service while around the rest of the Area, the average funding level is \$30.54 per person.

When I began working for Contra Costa County Library in 1977, of our branch libraries were open 60 hours a week, and we had adequate budgets for new materials. At that time, we ranked 23rd out of 37 Bay Area libraries.

Gradually during the 1980s repeated budget cuts reduced library

Of 37 Bay Area library systems, Contra Costa is second to last in per capita spending, at \$14.80. The area average is \$30.54.

hours a week. Now we hit an all time low — a library is now only open 48 hours a week. What is more, our library currently has \$1 per person for new books compared to a state average of between \$2 and \$3 per person. For

people realize that I am off FTE (Full Time Equivalent) employees who keep two libraries open — the El Cerrito and Pinole Hercules branches. Similarly, a small branch team of the Kensington Library is also responsible for keeping the San Pablo Library open.

Fortunately, we have an opportunity on June 2 to bring our library services up to speed, passed by a 2/3 vote, Measure A. The Contra Costa County ballot would implement a 1/8-cent sales tax that would guarantee all of the library services we need. As no one could take that increase away. By ordinance, these funds would supplement — not replace — current funding.

If Measure A passes, branch libraries would be restored to open hours spread over six days a week. New book purchases would double, bringing funding levels to nearly average. Service programs that support young people and children, small businesses and adult literacy, would be enhanced and expanded.

If Measure A passes, funding the Contra Costa County Library would be brought up to per capita funding of \$27.10, just a little short of the \$30.54 Bay Area average. would also restore us to the ranking of 23rd out of 37 libraries. An almost average is much better than

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Rotary Literacy project

El Cerrito Rotary Club members Nobuko Mukai, President Mark Figone, president-elect Ed Kimble, and past president Barbara Cronin prepare copies of the American Heritage Children's Dictionary at this month's Rotary District Conference in Concord. The El Cerrito Rotarians began presenting free dictionaries to every third grade student in the city, some 448 public and private school students in all. The effort is part of a regional Literacy Project being undertaken by Rotary chapters in the region. "It's a great feeling when you see the look on the kids' faces as they realize this dictionary is just for them," said Cronin, who participated in the first of a series of school assemblies at Harding school last week where members handed out the books. EC Rotarians are also hard at work planning the city's annual July 4 Celebration, an all volunteer event that this year is slated to raise funds to bring a new play structure to Cerrito Vista Park.

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EC Citizens committee delves into municipal finances

'Services for 21st Century' seeks to bridge projected budget gap

By J.R. Deaton

ELCERRITO—Trying to "take the mystery out of municipal finances" was the goal of about 24 citizens and a half dozen staff who met at the Senior Center last week. The ultimate goal is to solve a larger mystery — how to stabilize city expenses and revenues to fend off predicted budget shortfalls that could top \$1 million annually through 2002.

The meeting was the committee-of-the-whole gathering of the Services for the 21st Century process. This community effort, dubbed "a community decision to balance future services and taxes," is designed to give citizen direction to the city council as the community grapples with the specter of future budget deficits. During the next four fiscal years, city spending is predicted to outstrip revenue by \$900,000 to \$1.4 million per year.

Jay Corey, the city's Community and Administrative Services Manager, spoke to the group and tried to demystify El Cerrito's finances. Using handouts and a display easel, Corey talked about general fund revenues, expenditures and transfer funds. Terms like "fund accounting," "dedicated funds" and "miscellaneous revenues" were used and defined by Corey and others. Financial Services Manager Julie Brown was there to answer questions as was City Manager Gary

Pokorny.

Corey and the others went over in some detail summaries of the city's general fund revenues and expenditures. Using fiscal year 1998/99 projections, Corey pointed out that property taxes will bring in almost \$2.8 million, sales taxes \$2.2 million and the utility users tax will add an estimated \$1.8 million to city coffers. On the expenditures side, the chart shows that police operation, police administration/support services and police investigations will cost about \$4.7 million, fire about \$3.9 million and community development-maintenance services will cost a little over \$1 million this next fiscal year. (The Fire Department will receive more than \$1 million from the Kensington Fire District for providing fire protection to that community.) Expenditures for risk management are expected to be \$481,000, financial services will cost \$419,517 and the city council, the city attorney and city manager are budgeted at a combined \$493,824.

Much of the revenue the city receives, Corey explained, is labeled "dedicated" or "restricted" because it is earmarked for specific purposes. For example, Measure C funds have to be used for transportation activities and gas tax revenues must be used for roadway improvements.

In a lighter moment, Corey said the main difference between fed-

eral and local government is "we don't have a printing press."

At times, the audience had trouble following the numbers through the budget outline. Sometimes the figures from one page didn't seem to be carried through to the next or were listed in a different category. Thom Stark, one of the committee's three co-chairs, said the problem was a "presentation issue," calling the city's presentation of the figures "pretty random and scattershot." Stark said this problem is the "likeliest cause" of the suspicion, misunderstanding and mistrust some people have of the city's accounting procedures. "Presentation — is an art" Stark said, adding "and unfortunately, this city does not appear to have had a history of very many successful artists."

There was some talk at the meeting about what point in the process the general committee or the citizen-constituted financial review team should look into Redevelopment Agency finances. Sewall Glinernick, manager of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, said they should begin as soon as possible because of the recent 60-day extension the city gave to El Cerrito Plaza owners to come up with a development plan. It's likely the owners/developers will ask for some amount of public money and Glinernick said "we ought to find out if the city is capable of picking up that tab." Others pointed out that the Plaza is just one of several potential Agency-assisted projects and said the team needs to look at the entire Agency operation, not just one project.

The committee-of-the-whole will meet in the Senior Center every first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The topic for the May 19 meeting will be police services.

Now is best time clear excess vegetation

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is encouraging Californians to take advantage of El Niño by using the extended rainy season to prepare for the upcoming fire season.

Albany invites you to join 'Bike to Work' Day on May 19

Thousands of commuters are gearing up for the Bay Area's fourth annual Bike To Work Day, an event that has become one of the most celebrated activities in the region. Recognizing the many benefits of bicycling as a commuting alternative, the Albany City Council recently passed a Resolution endorsing BikeToWorkDay, which is Tuesday, May 19.

Those pledging to ride a bike at least once during the week of May 18-22 will be eligible to win fabulous prizes, including two round-trip, domestic tickets from Southwest Airlines. Fill out the pledge below and drop it off at an "Energizer Station" on the way to work. The Albany Energizer Station will be located where the bicycle path beneath the BART tracks crosses Solano Avenue. Stop by between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the morning to receive bottled water, coffee, nutrition bars and other goodies. This Energizer Station will be manned by City staff and members of the Albany Bicycle Coalition, while the event as a whole is organized by the California Bicycle Coalition and RIDES for Bay Area Commuters.

Details, or to register for a chance to win prizes: RIDES, 800-755-POOL or visit RIDES online at www.rides.org. Folks can also call the Community Development & Environmental Resources Department at 528-5760.

Obituary

CDF Director Richard Wilson said that as El Niño continues to affect weather patterns, "The days are cool, the ground is moist. Now is the time to get out there and clear away all of that flammable growth around your structures."

Joyce Duschka

Former Albany resident Joyce Duschka passed away on Good Friday morning, April 10, in Fairfield, Calif. at age 72.

Joyce is survived by husband Gene Duschku of Fairfield, son Allen Duschku and three grandchildren of Vacaville, a sister, Blanche Recenello of Albany, nephew John Coulon of Albany and a niece Annette Edwards of Santa Cruz.

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Viewpoint

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decisions such as the one that closed our Emporium, and brought the Plaza to its current sad state.

Would a department store be compatible with the sort of commercial district I've described here? You bet! Can we still have plenty of parking? Of course. Parking is a necessity. But cars don't shop, people do, so we should take care to put the parking where it belongs, and pay more attention to the needs of pedestrians.

Many of us in El Cerrito and neighboring cities go out of our

way to visit and shop in areas that are walkable, interesting, and have a strong sense of neighborhood identity.

We reluctantly spend our dollars outside of our own community. We are more than ready to invest in El Cerrito, but we want this to be a long-term investment.

We hope American Stores and Mr. Bilak will work very hard to incorporate these important, basic patterns into the revised plan they will submit in July.

Lori Dair is a member of Sustainable El Cerrito.

Letters

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bikes along the BART path for fear their bikes will be taken from them.

As business owners we have also had problems with vandalism and drug dealing by teenagers; these were typical middle class kids. We feel the problem ought to be nipped in the bud. We all know what rude behavior is and we need to speak up when we see it happening. A bike cop might be helpful too.

I've been told that one mother threatened to sue the city for harassing her teenager; she went to the City Council and managed to get them to drop the curfew. So unless there is a police report on a specific person the police can't do anything. From what I heard the only way to change this is for a group to go to the City Council and request that the curfew and loitering laws be applied in this city. Is this true?

As a mother, I would like to

know that my son is not roaming the street when I think he is at a friend's house. I trust that the police will have good judgment as long as the kids aren't being rude. Maybe some of the problem kids' parents need help ... maybe when the kids get in trouble the parents as well as the kids ought to get counseling.

The City needs to provide a place for its middle and high school students to be creative and active. How about volunteer work and learning skills that will help the transition into adulthood? The Community Center seems like an ideal space. I wonder if there are any teenagers in Albany with good ideas for activities.

One of the best things about Albany is that its kids go to neighborhood schools and can safely get around on their own. Let's keep Albany a kid safe place.

Susan Paul
Albany

Political Notes

Measure E rebroadcast

The Alliance for Public Education's forum on Measure E, held April 29, will be broadcast by cable channel KCRT on following dates/times:

- May 12 10:30 a.m.
- May 15 9 p.m.
- May 16 11:30 a.m.

Programs are broadcast on Ch. 25 (Richmond, El Cerrito) and Ch. 57 (San Pablo).

The Alliance for Public Education, a coalition of West County organizations concerned with the future of local schools, presented a free public forum on Measure E on Wednesday April 29. Former Assemblyman Bob Campbell, considered one of California's foremost educational finance experts, moderated the discussion which included representatives of the local business

community, teachers, parents, students and community members.

This coming June, West County voters will decide the fate of Measure E, the first school bond to be presented to the electorate in over thirty years. Measure E finances the construction of a new middle school at the former Harry Ells High School site in Richmond and school renovation projects districtwide.

Alliance Chairperson Mark Friedman said, "This bond measure is clearly the most important issue facing public education in West County for the foreseeable future. At the April 29 forum we'll present a variety of different perspectives on Measure E from students, parents, teachers, and business leaders."

For more information on the forum call Friedman at 236-6560.

ECDC endorsements

The El Cerrito Democratic Club has made the following endorsements for the June 2 election:

Governor - Gray Davis
U.S. Senate - Barbara Boxer
U.S. House of Representatives (7th District) - George Miller
U.S. House of Representatives (10th District) - Ellen Tauscher
State Assembly - Dion Aroner
Secretary of State - Michela Alioto
Attorney General - Bill Lockyer
Board of Equalization - Johan Klehs
Insurance Commissioner - Hal Brown
Superintendent of Public Instruction - Delaine Eastin
County Supervisor - Jim Rogers
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Clerk-Recorder - Stephen Weir

ECDC is printing 4,000 copies of its voters guide for distribution to West County residents.

forces chemical refineries to more responsible and responsive surrounding communities.

Rogers was also lauded as a consistent advocate for planned responsible growth in East Bay communities, opposing development "that consume remaining open space on East Bay hillsides or the place increased infrastructure burdens on taxpayers."

Rogers earned the League's endorsement in his previous campaigns for Richmond City Council and county supervisor.

ECDC meeting

AC Transit General Manager Sharon Banks as well as director Miriam Hawley and Pat Piras will attend the meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito, across from El Cerrito High. The public is invited to a discussion of the growing need for efficient transportation between home and workplace. Details: Rob M. Weber, 524-8142.

Hear about Measure A and B

• El Cerrito librarian Jane Hildebrand will make the case for Measure A, the county library funding measure, at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce noon lunch meeting on May 26 at Little Angel Restaurant, Potrero and San Pablo. Reservations and details: 233-7040.

• West Contra Costa Unified School District Boardmember Glen See NOTES on page A6

Forum

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what we have now.

So when you purchase your next pair of blue jeans, think about this: By paying 3 cents more in sales tax, you would insure adequate library services for yourself, for your community, and for the next generation. On a larger scale, a \$1,000 purchase would mean a mere \$1.25 additional tax for improved library service. Individually, we would each pay very little for something that would bring benefits to our entire community. Where else can we get such a good deal on

our dollar?

The time is now, and the opportunity is before us. Let's do what we can to maintain Benjamin Franklin's vision of a public library system that provides resources to all of our citizens. Vote yes on Measure A on the June 2 ballot for Contra Costa County libraries.

Janet Hildebrand is branch manager of the El Cerrito and Pinole/Hercules libraries. This piece was prepared with her own time and resources, and represents solely her own views.

LCV backing Rogers

The East Bay League of Conservation Voters announced this week that it is endorsing Jim Rogers for re-election to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, with the group's president saying the incumbent "has effectively tackled threats to the environment head on with energy, intelligence and courage." Mark Shaw, president of the league, which works to elect environmental candidates to public office, cited Rogers' support of the "Good Neighbor Ordinance," which

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est and oldest cruise only agency in the country and the largest in North America, Avenue Travel receives the best pricing and greatest amount of cooperation from the cruise lines of any agency in America, according to Gaines. They also frequently receive upgrades and onboard amenities more than any other cruise agency, she added. "By having a wonderful relationship with all the cruise lines we are able to give our clients the best of everything."

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Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



cate to all that come in to book a cruise. They also have a "Cruise Night" every month at 7:30 p.m. for all to get to know the cruise lines. Everyone is invited starting Wednesday, May 20 with a night with Jim Walsh, the sales manager with Carnival Cruise Lines, which has the newest ship on this coast. On June 17, they will have a southern Steamboat Night with the manager of Delta Steamship Com-

pany, the ships that paddle their way up and down the Mississippi River. Then on June 15 they will be hosting Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruise Lines for a night in the Caribbean. All of these cruise nights offer the opportunity to learn and get savings on the cruises that you could not get at any other time. An RSVP is recommended for any or all of these evening presentations. Phone 528-8171. The address

is 1650 Solano Ave.

The Avenue Travel is devoted to your needs for tours, air, hotels, cars and independent travel. The staff looks forward to working the former clients as well as the new that they have yet to meet and help.

Spring coloring contest winners

One hundred entries were submitted to the Albany Chamber/Hills Newspapers Spring Coloring Contest by children from toddlers to 10-year-olds. Prizes were awarded to 2- and 3-year-olds, and each age up to 10. The first through third place winners are Pasha Flannery, age 2, and Andrea Luty and Alexandra Gate age 3. Four-year-olds are Myles Rabin, Camille Dyhr and Brianna Kimko. Five-year-olds are Sammy Flounders, Gabriel Castener and Danita Sylvester. Helena Rubenstein, Reuben Peristein and Tessa Brofferio are the 6-year-old winners and Daniela Debergue, Emma Mc Elroy and Kianna Ervin are the 7-year-old winners. Eight-, 9- and 10-year-olds are Melinda Szell, Ji Kim, Breezy Harper Maria Kern, Daisy Paussin, Molly Baker, Jake Hartmna, Jamiel Gatewood, Erin Carr and Charlie Hinds. Those who did not finish in the top three received large gold stars or happy face stickers. All posters will be returned and should be picked up by the artists at the Chamber office at 1108 Solano Ave., weekdays, 10

a.m. to 5 p.m.

May gardening success tips

Flowerland's May newsletter lists some gardening tips. The first: Plant tomatoes, eggplant, beans, corn, cucumbers, melons squash and pumpkins now. There is a large selection of blooming color packs, color bowls, hanging baskets and roses in full bloom. Move houseplants away from hot sunny windows, check sprinklers and drip systems to make certain they are not clogged and are working properly. Last, remove suckers from roses and fruit trees as soon as you spot them. Pull them off, do not cut. Flowering vines can add privacy, disguise harsh landscape elements and give an aura of beauty. Use them to hide unattractive buildings or fencing, block wind and create shade and privacy. They can be used as a garden retreat or to emphasize a garden ornament or other focal point. Flowerland Nursery has been operating since 1947 at the same location, 1330 Solano Ave. If you have questions of plants, soil, landscaping or any garden problems, phone 526-3550 where the garden experts will be glad to assist.

Avenue construction

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Police Reports

Does Mother really want a stolen plant?

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of May 10 an employee of a flower shop on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man described as Asian with black hair wearing a white shirt and black pants just stole a plant worth \$50 from the shop. He was last seen departing north on San Pablo Avenue in a small red car and was gone when officers arrived. Would

• Just after midnight on May 3 officers stopped a blue '85 Chevy truck for a minor traffic violation. The driver, a 39-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be very intoxicated and a Field Sobriety Test was .20. He was arrested, cited and released when sober. His truck was impounded.

• At about 1:30 a.m. on May 3 officers responded to a call from the Taco Bell on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue regarding the occupants of a car at the drive-thru window who appeared to be intoxicated. Officers stopped the car as it was exiting the window and found the driver, a 31-year-old Berkeley man, to be intoxicated with a Field Sobriety Test score of .16. He was arrested, cited and released.

• At about 12:40 p.m. on May 5 officers responded to the Albany Middle School regarding reports of a student who attacked the Vice Principal. The officer contacted the 13-year-old Albany boy who was arrested and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

• Shortly before 1 p.m. on May 5 an employee at an auto repair shop reported seeing someone drive off in a red '85 Chevy Corvette a couple minutes prior. The car was in for

repairs. The car and driver were gone when officers arrived. On the night of May 9 Oakland police reported locating the car. It had been stripped and the license plates were missing. They did not have anyone in custody.

• On May 6 a resident on the 900 block of Masonic Avenue reported that during the night her Toyota had been broken into. There were no witnesses.

• On May 6 a resident on the 600 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that someone had tried to break into his gray '89 Camry during the night.

• On the afternoon of May 7 Berkeley Animal Control called Albany police to request assistance on the freeway on-ramp on east bound 580. A mother goose and her 10 babies were crossing the road. Officers complied and mother and babies are safe.

• At about 12:30 a.m. on May 9 officers attempted to stop a green '91 Ford Explorer on the 600 block of Kains Avenue but the driver would not stop. Officers eventually stopped the car and the driver, a 28-year-old Oakland man, was found to be intoxicated. A further check found the car had been reported as stolen from Oakland and the driver

did not have a current driver's license. The driver was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail. The owner of the car was contacted and picked up his car.

• At about 3 a.m. on May 9 officers contacted a person sleeping in a silver '85 Volkswagen near Kains and Solano avenues. The 19-year-old San Francisco man was intoxicated and in possession of fake identification. He was arrested.

• On the morning of May 10 a resident on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard reported observing three teenagers in a blue Dodge van pull into the High School grounds near Thousand Oaks Boulevard and dump garbage near the dumpster. They were gone when officers arrived.

During the week of May 3 officers fingerprinted four people at their request, towed two cars, responded to 21 false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to seven reports of barking dogs. Officers stopped 141 vehicles issuing 59 warnings and 82 citations. In the domestic arena officers assisted with one standby, and intervened in 22 civil disturbances and 57 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to nine medical emergencies.

Auto burglar victimizes Plaza lot

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — The Plaza parking lot was the target of a an unknown car burglar on May 6. Police received three reports of breaking and entering vehicles parked in the lot.

Sometime between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. someone broke the window of a '91 Jeep Cherokee and tampered with the ignition before removing a cell phone and other property.

Another report said that sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. a suspect broke the window of an '88 Honda Civic, tampered with the steering column and took an umbrella and some loose cash.

Between 9 a.m. and 6:10 p.m. a suspect smashed the window of an '87 Dodge Omni and ransacked the glove box. There was no property loss.

• On May 4 an unknown juvenile suspect approached another 8-year-old juvenile on the BART path. The suspect grabbed the victim by the neck and threw him to the ground. The victim got to his feet and fled along the path to the Del Norte BART station.

• At about 5:05 p.m. on May 4 a

man stepped out of his vehicle on Key Blvd. near Cutting waving a knife in a threatening manner. A police officer witnessed the man getting back into his car with knife in hand. He was arrested for brandishing a weapon.

• An '86 Hyundai Excel was reported stolen from the 10600 block of San Pablo Ave. on May 5.

• Sometime between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. on May 4 someone broke the drivers-side window of an '87 Nissan Sentra parked on the 2000 block of Key Blvd. and broke the stereo trying to remove the body from the dash. The assailant got off with the face plate.

• On May 4 police investigated a couple on the 500 block of Liberty St. who had apparently been arguing surrounding their divorce and common children.

• Between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on May 3 an unknown suspect threw a rock from the BART path through a 5- by 4-foot window of a Liberty St. residence. The damage was estimated at \$100.

• At about 2:05 p.m. on May 4 someone entered a Lexington St. residence through an unlocked door while the occupant was in bed and removed property estimated at \$3,180.

• On May 1 at about 1:45 p.m. police received a call from a man who insisted he would shoot himself with a 9mm handgun unless they called his wife and instructed her to talk to him.

• A '78 Datsun 280Z was reported stolen from the 10600 block

of San Pablo Ave. on May 3.

• On May 1 a woman reported finding flowers on her door. She believed they were left by a man whom she had a restraining order for.

• An '81 VW Rabbit was reported stolen from the 1700 block of Lexington Ave. on May 1.

• During a traffic stop at Fairmont Ave. and Clayton on May 2 a man driving a '73 Impala was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

• On May 3 at about 12 p.m. a man was arrested on San Pablo Ave. near Moers Ln. for operating a Plymouth Voyager while under the influence of alcohol.

• On May 2 a man was arrested on the Eastshore Blvd. Foods Co. for concealing merchandise down the front of his pants.

• A juvenile was arrested after he was caught trying to steal rocks in a box disguised as a laptop computer for \$500.

• At about 6:03 p.m. on April 2 a man was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol after being involved a minor non-injury accident on San Pablo Ave. near Fairmont. Subsequently police found the man to be in possession of three guns.

• On April 28 at about 8:30 p.m. someone broke the rear window of a Contra Costa Dr. residence and fled when the alarm sounded.

• On April 23 someone used sharp object to damage the paint of a 95 Honda Civic parked on the 5900 Avila Ave. The damage was estimated at \$1,000.

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Price will talk about Measure E, the school district bond measure, at today's noon lunch meeting of the El Cerrito Rotary Club at Mira Vista Country Club.

KARWC meeting

The Kensington Area Republican Women's Club will have its monthly meeting at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito on May 27.

There will be a discussion of the propositions and election.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 following the social hour which begins at noon. Lunch is \$10 per person.

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Yoshi's concert will mark 30 years of Young Musicians Program

There is music in the air, and a wonderful way to enjoy it! I am talking about the Young Musicians Program and its "Ladies' Night In" on May 18 at Yoshi's in Jack London Square. This is a benefit concert series with the "Bay Area's Most Exciting Female Singers" performing Jazz, Rhythm & Blues.

Those of you who read this column regularly know that I think the Young Musicians Program, out of Jack London Square, is one of the finest and most valuable programs I know for young people who are musically gifted and from low income families.

YMP students, drawn from Bay Area youths age 11 to 17, receive year-round private instruction, at absolutely no cost. The instruction is tailored to the interests and needs of each individual. An intensive seven-week summer session on the Berkeley campus includes development of all the skills essential for musicians — music theory, ear-training, sight-singing, keyboard skills, music history, improvisation, conducting, composition, ensemble performance, chamber music and more.

YMP also monitors academic progress, provides guidance in choosing and applying to colleges and universities and offers counseling in regard to career opportunities.

They are taught by professionals from the Bay Area Symphonies, university and college faculties and well-known professional classical and jazz musicians.

This is an anniversary celebration, for the program, which has marked 30 years of training young people of promise who otherwise might have no possible way of finding the training (on a full scholarship) that would enable them to aspire to the professional peaks of the music world.

YMP speaks of some of the YMP alumni who have established themselves among the leading figures in the music profession, who are rising stars in jazz, gospel, opera, orchestral performance, music education, recording the production. It has as alumni people such as Benny Green, Joshua Redmond, Daryl Coley, Will Kennedy, Rodney Franklin and Michael Wolff.

The "Ladies' Night In" concert also celebrates another anniversary, marking one year since Yoshi's opened in its spacious new location at Jack London Square.

The concert, with one show only at 8 p.m., will feature Leisi, who studied voice and music with the YMP. Space does not allow the reproduction of the back ground of all of these fine performers, but it is impressive, how much they do and

how much they have achieved. Zoe Ellis, another headliner started singing as a youngster with the San Francisco Girls' Choir and the Gilbert & Sullivan Troupe at Franklin Elementary School in Berkeley. She, too, has been successfully entertaining in many areas, as has Caitlin Cornwell, who, with Zoe Ellis co-founded The Braids; Teal Collins, the daughter of Al "jazzbeaux" Collins, has been singing professionally since the age of 16. Sundra Manning is the musical director, and a prize winning performer herself.

It promises to be a most exciting concert. Interested? Call Caryl Levine at 642-9394.

And still on the subject of music, my recent story about the Fiddlin' Camp for young people inspired Charles R. Pagter of Albany to write to me about another musical event "that fits right in with it". This is the upcoming 23rd Blue Grass Festival, held each Fathers Day weekend at Grass Valley Fairgrounds.

Says Pagter, music played at this event is chosen from bands all over the U.S. "Old and young alike enjoy the music, and young musicians will enjoy it twice as much as they can make contact with band members playing the instruments they are most involved with."

There are work shops given at no extra charge, and attendees can play along with the many late night jam sessions taking place throughout the camp grounds. "They will hear their instruments played in many different styles by those with loads of experience."

He sent me a copy of last year's program which sounded very exciting. There were several different bands playing, although, unfortunately, he did not name the bands which will be taking part this year. But it was interesting to read some of the comments about the camp last year, such as:

"It also caused many a sore throat for not a few of our entertainers over the years. I could name a number of our vocalists who have suffered from this unseen malady." And the writer adds, "Every major bluegrass act would kill to play our festival in the past. I can't wait to hear the response when they get here this year."

Father Day weekend this year is June 18, 19, 20 and 21, and the Annual Father's Day Weekend Bluegrass Festival will be held at the beautiful Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley, California.

Pagter in his long, handwritten letter, has a great deal to say about some of the propositions on the ballot and the unhappy prospect of

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Marin Street in Albany becoming a 2 lane road. But this is a column about music, so I will stick to his comments about the Bluegrass Festival.

It does sound like fun, doesn't it? Want more information? Call Pagter's brother Carl at 510-938-4221.

Oh, and children get in free, so all you young fiddles and banjo players get your folks to take you.

I appreciated hearing from the Young Musicians Program and from Charles Pagter. The world is full of a number of things—and music is one of the best.

As usual, I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, Organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com, and I check on it every few days.

Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

• **Open House** for Vista and Vista-MacGregor is tonight from 7 to 8 p.m.
• **AUSD Summer school** dates are Monday, June 22 to Friday, July 17. The location is Marin school for students K-4 and AMS for 5th grade and above. Applications will be sent home with students in early May.

PTA Meetings

• **Marin PTA** meets tonight at 7 p.m. in the library. PTA Council meets Monday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the AMS Library. The council budget and nominations for next year's officers are on the agenda.

• **Cornell PTA** meets Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in the multi-use room.

School Board Meetings

• **Board of Education** meets on

Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

Special Interest Meetings

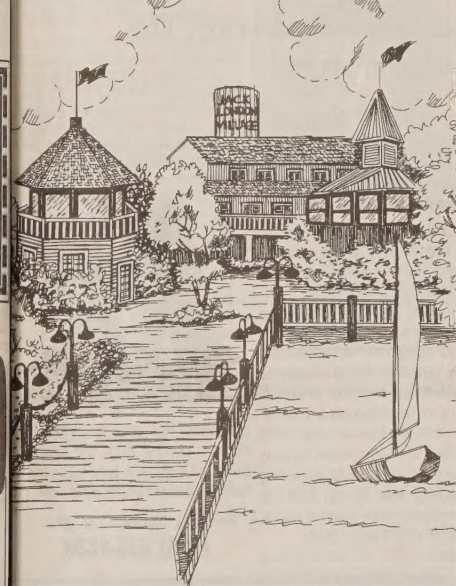
• **Instrumental Music Boosters** meets Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in Room 20 AHS.

• **Athletic Boosters** meet Tuesday, May 19 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 132 AHS.

Events/Fund raisers

• On Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. a benefit outdoor concert of Music and Dance from Bali, featuring Gamelan Sekar Java, will be performed for children and their families at Marin School. Bring blankets, pillows, lawn chairs and sun screen for your seating comfort. Tickets are \$10-adults, \$5-children, free-5 and under. Proceeds go to the Marin School Arts Fund.

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Ms. Saviano earned her J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law, and a Master of Science in Nursing with a certificate as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner from the University of California, San Francisco. Prior to opening her solo law practice, Ms. Saviano served as a registered lobbyist in Sacramento where she managed a health care trade association.



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Women In Business is a special feature recognizing women throughout the East Bay and the variety of professions they are pursuing. The following photo profile section provides valuable resource information to businesses and individuals and reveals a variety of professions established by women.

Opportunities continue to present themselves as more and more women-owned businesses develop. This feature not only pays tribute to women, but offers a glimpse into the various backgrounds and accomplishments they have achieved.

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I am closely affiliated with Very Special Arts in Washington D.C. - an affiliate of the JFK Performing Art Center. In 1997 I was awarded the highly prestigious Yamagata International Fellowship and I traveled to Washington D.C. for a week of exciting events.

Upon returning to my community my mission is to further the goal of USA: to bring to the awareness of the public the unique gifts of artists living with disabilities. To achieve this goal I have opened a gallery, the Kathleen



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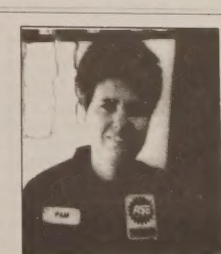
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■ Goings On About Town

■ **Submissions to Goings on About Town must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.**

Children

May 15
Bilingual Butterfly returns to Bay Area: through May 31, Fridays, Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees, 3 p.m. Presented by Darvag Theatre, an Iranian-American theatre community. A play mixing Farsi and English. A story anyone can understand; Darvag Theatre, 3280 Adeline (at Alcatraz) in Berkeley, 466-5299. Kids \$7, Adults, \$12.

La Pena's May Saturday Morning Children's Programs
May 16; 10:30 a.m.: Zawadi perform music from Africa and the Diaspora. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 849-2568. Adults \$3, Kids \$2.

Ongoing
The Senin Foundation for Japanese Cultural Arts: Monday through Thursday, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.; Martial Arts for Kids ages 5 - 14, instruction in aikijutsu, yoga, healing arts and fine arts for mom and dad; 1053 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 526-7518.

Classes

May 15
Natural First Aid: 7 p.m.; Learn simple, natural remedies (Chinese Medicine, Bach Flower Remedies, Homeopathy) to treat minor injuries and ailments. At the National Foundation of Oriental and Traditional Medicine, Berkeley, 705-8755.

May 19
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; **Berkeley Community Media:** Channel 25 offers classes in video production and editing to residents of Berkeley. This event is free orientation. At 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, call 848-2288 and ask for Don to become a member.

The Verna Winters Studio
Acting and Improv, Levels 1 & 2, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Voice Technique, Mondays 7:30 p.m.; and many others. Please call the studio for details and to register. 1312 Bonita, Berkeley, 524-1601.

Durant House
May 15; 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Sufi Dancing, singing, breathing and meditation. \$5. Call the teacher, Helen Rubart, at 526-3401 for details.

May 16; 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; What was that all about? Dreams and Spiritual Disorientation. Call the teacher, Sister Barbara Williams at 522-6042 for details; 2330 Durant Ave., Berkeley; \$35.

Longfellow Community Computer classes
May 16; 9:45 - 12:30 p.m.; Networking a Small Business, find out what you need, costs and power for hardware and software. May 14 and 21; MS Excel I May 16; MS Powerpoint I; 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

At The Annex, 1500 Derby Street, Berkeley, 644-4552. All classes are free.

Ongoing
Taoist Internal Arts Association: classes at In Motion: A Center for Moving, Healing and Martial Arts; 813 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 527-7760; first evening of classes free.

Psychic Healing Clinic: Mondays 7-9 p.m.; at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley. Relieve Stress, release emotional baggage and renew yourself. For more info call 800-794-1991.

The International Spiritual Hypnotherapy Institute: Mondays 6 - 8:30 p.m.; hypnosis clinic; stop smoking,

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No Sweat Aerobics and Dance Studio: all classes and events take place at 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; call for the weekly schedule 528-1958; \$7 - 9 for drop-ins unless otherwise noted.

The Yogasource offers daily classes in Bikram's Yoga. Developed by Bikram Choudhury known as "Guru to the stars." prepare to work hard for 90 minutes. Introductory classes are one hour; 558-YOGA.

Yoga at Noon: Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered; Senin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518.

Berkeley Yoga Center offers free introductory Yoga classes and other free events every Friday from 7-8:30 p.m.; 1250 Addison St., suite 209, Berkeley; Call 649-9812 for a full schedule of classes and workshops.

Salsa Lessons: 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

Community Events

May 14
West Berkeley Market Opening: A Berkeley Farmer's Market - project of the Ecology Center. University Ave. and 4th St. (Canned Foods Lot) 2 - 7 p.m.; 548-3333.

May 16
Reclaiming the Streets: 7 p.m.; a street party on Shattuck and Center in Berkeley. The event will protest GATT which endangers the environment, reduces wages and gives the proceeds to a few transnational corporations. Dancing and Cafe in the street, games, art, music, conversation and information. Gather at the Berkeley BART and march to the street party; 595-4652.

Walden School Spring Fair: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Children's book sale, children's games, raffle, live entertainment, gourmet lunch, arts and crafts and more! At Walden School, 2446 McKinley at Dwight, Berkeley, 841-7248. Free.

Berkeley Brewers Spring Fest '98: 11 - 11 p.m.; Outdoor Spring Celebration featuring locally brewed beer. Live music by local bands: tainted love, Shana Morrison, and East of Eden; a climbing wall and night-time laser show. At the Pyramid Brewery and Alehouse Parking

Lot; 901 Gilman St., Berkeley; 510-THE-ROCK.

May 16 & 17
The 15th Annual Himalayan Fair: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Featuring Art, handicrafts, music, dance and foods of the Himalayas. To benefit Himalayan Charities. In Live Oak Park, 1300 Shattuck and Berryman, Berkeley, 869-3995 for info.

Berkeley Buddhist Temple, Satsuki Bazaar, Saturday 4 - 10 p.m.; Sunday Noon - 7 p.m.; Featuring Japanese food, a silent auction, home-baked pastries, and Japanese sweets, raffle, games and prizes; 2121 Channing Way, Berkeley; 841-9412.

May 17
Berkeley City Club Architectural Tour: 12 - 4 p.m.; tour the city's architectural landmark designed by Julia Morgan. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 848-7800 for info. \$2 per person, children under 12 free.

May 19
Berkeley's Bike to Work Day: festivities include energizer stations with roadside goodies and information, pedal pools, bicycle "car" pools, which ride to work as a team. For more information or to register call 800-755-POOL.

North Berkeley Senior Center

May 14; Tai Chi with Brian Amex at 2 p.m.

May 15; Ballot Measures discussed with League of Women Voters at 10:30 a.m. and Opera: "HMS Pinafore" at 1 p.m.

1910 Hearst and MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley, 644-6107.

Kensington 55+ Senior Center
May 14; Travel: Anil Ranadive shows slides of his homeland, Southern India. May birthdays celebrated.

May 21; Remembering: Memorial Observance. Recollections of loved ones, informal and non-denominational. Suggested: bring a flower, stone, seashell a poem or letter, 52 Arlington Ave. Kensington, 526-9146.

Ongoing
Women's Support Groups and Stress Reduction: Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; support, nourish and replenish ourselves, develop healthy relationships for older women; El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Pre-registration required, call Amy Weiss, 466-5844.

The Open House Senior Center: support and events for the senior community, new events daily. 6500 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito, 215-4340 for the daily schedule. Call to reserve your lunch.

Able Cable presents On the Move; a

television show produced by and for the disabled community. Broadcast on KTEH Channel 54, PBS in Santa Clara County, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; on BTV Channel 25. 408-720-8069 for more information.

Volunteers needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to help feed the hungry and homeless by sorting food or participating in food drives or other special events. Call 568-3668 ext. 308 for more information and current schedule.

The Open House Senior Center: volunteers needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social day care program each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Part-time help is welcome and no experience is necessary. Call Ellen at 215-4340 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.

Moms in Community: Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; relax with a great group of diverse women; Fridays 9:30-11:30. Childcare begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Voicemail: 848-6252 ext. 558.

Volunteers needed: Crisis support

Services of Alameda County, for Suicide Prevention, receives 50,000 calls per year and the need for people to serve the 24-hour crisis line is constant. No prior experience required; training provided; 848-1515.

Exhibits

May 17
Whales, Giants of the Deep: through Aug. 30. One of the most popular exhibits ever returns. Come face to face with orca, sperm whales and a tusked narwhal. Lawrence Hall of Science, Centerville, below Grizzly Peak Blvd. Adults; \$4 children 7 - 18, students seniors, disabled. \$2 children 3-6.

Berkeley Art Museum
Wendy Ewald: Collaborative portraits; through July 5.

Jochen Gerz: The Berkeley Open House; through May 31.

Ongoing
Berkeley Historical Society Anniversary Exhibit: through Aug. 26; featuring programs exhibits and publications offered over the 20 years; Erans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St.

See GOINGS, page A7.

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Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Bands Behind Barbed Wire

On Sunday, May 24, at 2 p.m. the Richmond Museum of History presents East Bay author, musician and teacher, George Yoshida speaking on "Big Bands Behind Barbed Wire," illustrating how swing is organized by Japanese-American youth kept America popular while thriving within the walls of World War II internment camps. Slides and music, Yoshida will share his personal recollections, bringing back memories of the early '40s and illuminating the contributions of Japanese-Americans to the American musical scene. Copies of Yoshida's book, "Reminiscing in Swingtime: Japanese Americans and American Popular Music, 1925-1960" will be available for sale and refreshments will be served.

Permanent exhibits at the museum highlight Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievement, and cultural legacy. The museum is located in the 1910 Carnegie Library building in the Old Monticello area at the corner of Fourth and Nevin, and open Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Free admission. Details: 235-1171.

And Symphony season closer

The Bay Area Wind Symphony is holding its last local concert of the 1998 season on Sunday, May 17 at 8 p.m. at Zellerbach Auditorium, on the UC Berkeley Campus. Conductor Karen Michalka and 90 of the most talented young wind and percussion players in the Bay Area will perform works by Shostakovich, Wood, Kushida, Bach, Verdi, Brahms, Bart & Offenbach at Zellerbach Auditorium, University of California, Berkeley. 8 p.m. For tickets and more information, call 848-0828; tickets are also available at the door—\$7 for adults and \$4 for students (high school I.D. required).

Play for the whole family

Woodward Hedge School's 5th and 6th grade class presents "Journey Through The Doors, a Quest For Tink" on Friday, May 15 at 8 p.m., Saturday May 16 at 8 p.m., and Sunday May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. The play is written and performed by the 5th/6th grade class at Woodward Hedge School, an independent elementary school in Berkeley. It's a mixture of characters from different fairy tales (Peter Pan, Pinocchio, and The Little Mermaid) and some new characters from the space. The ingredients are twisted and tied into a story filled with humor that's great for kids and adults together, so bring the family and have a blast. Tickets: \$3 for kids under 12 and \$5 for adults.

ello-mania

Undoubtedly among the most unique listening experiences ever to be heard at a Bay Area stage, the Crowden School's 15th Annual Cello Bash will feature more than 100 cellists from throughout the United States. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2727 College Ave. in Berkeley. Under the impressive guidance of guest conductors Michael Morris, Alasdair Neal, and Bonnie Hampton, participating musicians from the San Francisco Symphony, the San Francisco Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Oakland Youth Orchestra and the Crowden School will perform works by Villa Lobos, Jean Francaix, J.S. Bach and other classical, jazz and contemporary composers. Ticket prices are \$10 general, \$5 seniors and students, and are available at the door. Details: Linda Deaktor 524-0260 or Milly Deaktor 652-6251.

Years of Historical Society

Berkeley Historical Society 20th Anniversary: 1978 to 1998," on exhibit through Aug. 29, celebrates the founding and history of the society and also the heritage of Berkeley. Free. Thursday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Details: 848-0181.

North Branch quilt show

The North Branch of the Berkeley Public Library hosts its 19th Annual Quilt Show, a free exhibit of more than 50 quilts, through May 17. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1170 The Alameda, Berkeley. Details: 644-6850.

Eclectic musical

Clusone Trio

Berkeley venues host two evenings of extraordinary music from Amsterdam, Prague and the Bay Area next week. On Tuesday, May 19 at 8 p.m. the Amsterdam-based Clusone Trio's North American tour comes to Berkeley. The European jazz ensemble's repertoire ranges from traditional to Bob Dylan. Tickets: \$10. Details: (415) 848-1967.



Clusone Trio

On Wednesday, May 20, Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., presents a double bill, opening with the Bay Area's own Hat Trio acoustic chamber group, followed by Czech violinist and singer Iva Bittova. Bittova specializes in her "own personal folk music," shaped by the classical and gypsy music of the tiny Moravian villages where she spent her formative years. Tickets: \$13.50 to \$14.50. Details: 548-1761.

Contemporary Judaic images

Mila Fine Arts presents "In Celebration of Passover: Contemporary Judaic Images," through May 28. A free exhibit of lithographs, serigraphs, original paintings and sculptures by contemporary Israeli artists.

Wednesday through Saturday, See EVENTS on page A12

'Skylight' opens at Berkeley Rep

'Skylight,' by David Hare, directed by Tony Taccone, at Berkeley Repertory Theatre through June 21.

By Gene Price

David Hare's drama *Skylight*, directed by Tony Taccone in the current Berkeley Repertory production, is a passionate, intellectually stimulating drama of personal conflict. Beautifully modulated performances by Susan-Jane Harrison and Frank Corrado create an emotional battlefield in which a six-year adulterous affair is rehearsed and brought to final resolution.

Kyra, the astonishingly luminous Harrison, is an inner-city teacher totally devoted to a lifestyle that is spiritually fulfilling, if meager in remuneration. Widowed Tom Sergeant, a cynical, self-made, rich restaurateur, former lover and employer, is hopeful of reconciliation.

The play opens on a winter night in Kyra's cold, sparsely furnished attic flat in a depressed area of London. Unexpectedly, Tom's 18-year-old son Edward (the delightfully energized Daniel Talbott) arrives to apprise Kyra of the

Beautifully acted, *Skylight* is a compassionate examination of a hoped-for reconciliation doomed to failure.

earlier death of his mother and of his problems with his increasingly morbid father.

Edward's departure is almost immediately followed by the arrival of Tom. Unable to initiate a tender opening, he demands to know why Kyra walked out on him. Contemptuous of her lifestyle, her garret, clothes, the dinner she is preparing for herself, he tactlessly challenges her commitment to social responsibility and accuses her of deliberately punishing herself for deserting him when his wife discovered their affair. As sexually aggressive as it is political, the ex-lovers' duel is so well balanced that the self-



Frank Corrado and Susan-Jane Harrison in 'Skylight.'

righteous fury of their conflict is threatened, but only momentarily, by submerged emotions of tenderness and need.

Beautifully acted, seamlessly directed, Berkeley Rep's *Skylight* is a brilliant, compassionate examination of a hoped-for reconciliation doomed to failure. The production is further enhanced by Christopher

Barreca's angled, tackily furnished set, Peter Maradudin's wintry lighting, and Lydia Tanji's long scarves, woolly robes and topcoats for a snowy London night.

Highly recommended, the drama continues Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., with selected matinees, through June 21. Call 845-4700.

Marin School benefit presents Gamelan Sekar Jaya

By Carol Egan

This Sunday at 2 p.m. the Marin Elementary School presents a benefit performance featuring the esteemed Gamelan Sekar Jaya bringing music and dance of Bali to children and their families. Ticket proceeds will go to the Marin School Arts Fund.

Like many schools, Marin Elementary is finding alternate and innovative ways to bring the arts into the lives of its students and their families. With considerable help from school staff and parent volunteers, a program which includes both residency activities by guest artists and performances by visiting ensembles has been underway for some time.

"What we're trying to do is to make a family component to our arts programming — something that brings families together and provides art experiences for the community," said Marin School Principal Marian Rothschild. "We use the profit from ticket sales to bring in other groups. It's a chance to increase the arts within our community." With additional support from the PTA and the Site Council, the school works with the PTA, staff members and students to select guest artists. In addition to the upcoming gamelan ensemble, it



Gamelan Sekar Jaya is one of the leading gamelan ensembles in the western world.

has also presented the South African dance and theatre group, Sibikwa Players, and residencies with individual artists including percussionist Carolyn Brandy and visual artist/ceramicist, Sarah Samonsky.

The Gamelan Sekar Jaya, one of the leading gamelan ensembles in the western world is led by Balinese artists Ida Ayu Diastini and I Made Arnawa and will perform a program of traditional Balinese music and dance.

Popular characters of Ba-

line drama, the Old Man and the King's Prime Minister, will be presented in two masked dances. Audience members who are tapped by a flirtatious dancer's fan will also get a chance to dance. The resonant, rapid-fire tones of the ensemble will be played on brightly decorated bamboo xylophones from West Bali.

Audience members should be sure to bring blankets, pillows, lawn chairs and sunscreen for maximum enjoyment of this outdoor concert. Tickets are

available at the door and are priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Youngsters under the age of 5 will be admitted free. Tickets may also be purchased in advance from 9 a.m. to noon at the Marin Elementary School located at 1001 Santa Fe Ave. in Albany. Proceeds go to the Marin School Arts Fund which makes this program, and all of the school's other residency and presenting activities, possible.

The concert will begin at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Baryshnikov, White Oak Dance Project dazzle at Zellerbach

By Kim Miller
Bay City News Service

Cal Performances again is the West Coast presenter for Mikhail Baryshnikov and his White Oak Dance Project and local dance fans are all the better for it.

As the program that opened over the weekend in Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall shows, regardless of his age, Baryshnikov continues to experiment with the meaning of dance, both through his own work and through the avant-garde ideas of his choreographers.

Friday evening's program offered the West Coast premieres of "Heartbeat," "mb," and "Tchaikovsky Dances" and the company premiere of "Profiles." Filling out the program was "Unspoken Territory," a last minute replacement for Craig Patterson's "Y" which had to be dropped because dancer Raquel Acdo was called away by family illness.

The most anticipated of the dances was "Heartbeat," a solo

for Baryshnikov danced to the dancer's heartbeat. Sound artist Christopher Janney created the wireless device attached to Baryshnikov's chest which amplifies his heartbeat and Sara Rudner is credited with choreographic direction.

The work begins with an empty stage, no scenery or curtains, only an amplifier at the back of the stage and set to one side. Baryshnikov strolls onstage and turns up the amplifier so his heartbeat is audible.

Walking to the middle of the stage he places his fingers on his wrist as if to take his pulse and make sure it matches what he hears. In the same manner, he places fingers on his throat pulse. And then he begins to move — and what graceful, fluid movement it is. Sometimes he is walking, skipping and jumping in a circle around the stage. Other times he is standing in place just moving his feet or his arms or his hips to the heart beats. Sometimes

he is rigid. Other times he is so relaxed he seems almost limp and then suddenly, with no preparation, he will pirouette rapidly as if a spring within him has come unwound.

My favorite move was when he was dancing slowly with his arms and legs and his head was moving from side to side to the faster beat of his heart — sort of like rubbing your stomach and patting your head at the same time.

The piece is a lesson in the incredible control dancers have over all the muscles in their bodies. In this case, even the heart. When he believed his heart was beating too fast, Baryshnikov would double over from the hips with his hands touching the floor and his heart would dramatically slow down.

What was fascinating about the dance was the joy Baryshnikov showed in performing it. It seemed to challenge him both intellectually and physically.

"Profiles" by Paul Taylor is a

work for four dancers. The main movement is in a straight line across the stage with the dancers in an Egyptian frieze-like pose — feet in a line pointing straight ahead, shoulders and body facing front and head turned in profile facing in the direction of the feet. Much of the dance was performed with flexed ankles and fingers lightly closed. It may be the recent installation of the Keith Harring sculptures around San Francisco, but, to me, the dancers looked like the figures in those sculptures. The work is quite fascinating, with impossible lifts and odd positioning. The minimalist music for this piece was specially composed by Jan Radzynski.

As has happened often in the past in a Baryshnikov-created program, when something goes wrong, Baryshnikov himself will step up and fill the gap. And so it was Friday when "Y" had to be canceled.

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Baryshnikov filled the slot with his 1995 "Unspoken Territory," a piece which is performed in silence. It has been seen here before and has much in common with "Heartbeat" in that it is designed to show what a dancer can do with his body.

This work also has an Egyptian theme, from Santo Loquasto's costume of a royal split skirt and pleated top, to the various stances

reminiscent of tomb paintings. Unfortunately, the lightboard at Zellerbach took this time to balk and the play with lighting which is so much a part of the dance did not materialize.

That, plus the cacophony of coughing from the audience distracted from the work. Maybe Zellerbach should take a page from the San Francisco Symphony and hand out cough drops to its patrons.

The final work, "Tchaikovsky Dance," was choreographed by Neil Greenberg. It is a whimsical

piece that uses projected text to comment on the lives of the various dancers and their parts in the dance. The dancers are all costumed in bright red calf-length leotards, bound at the armhole with silver-black leather.

As a dancer is involved in a solo, the text behind might read something like "Susan is an all-American girl." As Baryshnikov and Ruthlyn Salomons were involved in a mirror image set of movements, the text read that they were not available because of prior commitments until this part of the

dance.

Most of this piece is danced in silence with the string quartet music coming in only occasionally to emphasize a movement. As a matter of fact the entire evening was danced mostly in silence with only an occasional musical phrase intruding.

This was an intelligent, involving evening of avant-garde dance as seen through one man's prism. The program ran just for the weekend but anyone attending will look forward to the next visit by White Oak Dance Project.

Symposium on beer brewing at UC

UC Berkeley's Phoebe Apperson Hearst Museum of Anthropology will host a symposium on the history and cultural significance of beer brewing this Sunday afternoon.

The symposium, "Beer and Culture," will bring together brewers and scholars for discussions of the earliest origins of beer, the difference between the attitudes of Northern and Southern Europeans toward drinking and other topics.

Professor Mary Weismann of Occidental College will explain how the Incans used a mildly alcoholic beer made from corn.

Kathleen Butler, a historian with the Hearst Museum, will discuss women, men and beer in 19th century California and its impact the Gold Rush had on demand and consumption.

The symposium will include reception featuring samples from the Berkeley Brewers Guild members.

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11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1307 Solano Ave., Albany. Details: 845-0653.

Fun at Tilden

Upcoming programs at Tilden Park:

"Singular Spots: Wildcat Gorge," May 16, 1 p.m. A chance to see this unique gorge. For age 9 and older. Meet at the Environmental Education Center. Free.

"Singular Spots: Laurel Canyon," May 23, 1 p.m. A walk along isolated Laurel Canyon. Meet at the EEC.

"Amazing Animals," May 23, 2 p.m. Come learn the differences between several types of animals and meet a few.

"Beginner's Birdwalk," May 25, 9 a.m. An easy walk around Jewel Lake looking for spring birds. For age 12 and older.

Giants of the deep at LHS

The new Lawrence Hall of Science exhibit "Whales: Giants of the Deep" features huge, life-size moving models of whales and hands-on activities that immerse you in the realm of the world's largest mammals. To celebrate the opening, LHS has planned a "Whale of a Day" festival of family activities, Sunday, May 17, Noon to 5 p.m., included with LHS admission:

• Songs of the Sea: Sea chanties sung by Sandi Morey, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

• Touch Tank: Dip in and get acquainted with denizens of the ocean at a touch tank provided by the Living Science Foundation.

• Adopt-a-Whale: Information and educational materials on whale conservation and the adopt-a-whale program, from the Oceanic Society.

• Hands-on Activities from the Marine Mammal Center, Berkeley Shorebird Nature Center and LHS's own MARE (Marine Activities Resources & Education) and PEACHES (early childhood) educational programs.

• Make a Difference: Talk with representatives from the California Coastal Commission and find out how you can have a positive impact on the environment.

• Go Surfin': Use the LHS Surf City computers to explore great spots of the Ocean and other marine-related web sites. Visit the special whale shop filled with a complete collection of whale-related books, gifts, and toys.

LHS, open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is on Centennial Avenue above the UC Berkeley campus.

Details: 642-5132



Pet Talk

A Special Feature of the Advertising Department



Are We Having Our Pets Vaccinated Too Frequently?

by Dr. Sylvia E. Graham, D.V.M.

Vaccines play an important role in the control of disease thereby benefiting the overall health of the pet. Owners should be aware that the use of vaccines will help protect their pet from most signs of the disease but the vaccines are not without some risk. The routine vaccination of pets has greatly reduced the incidence of certain infectious diseases. Recently, questions have arisen concerning the benefits of yearly vaccines particularly in cats. Are yearly vaccines necessary for

every cat against every disease? What are vaccine reactions and how often should a cat get vaccinated?

Most reactions to vaccines are mild and transient. Reactions range from no reaction to mild lethargy, soreness or itchiness at the vaccine site. On rare occasions anaphylaxis may occur after vaccination. Anaphylaxis usually develops within one hour after immunization, it may consist of weakness, problems breathing, vomiting and col-

lapse. This type of reaction is so rare that the benefits of the vaccine far outweigh the risk of this type of reaction occurring in your pet. Tumor formation at the vaccine site is another rare reaction that has recently been identified in cats. This reaction has been associated with leukemia and rabies vaccines. It has been reported to occur in one to three cats per ten thousand cats vaccinated.

Vaccines should be selected for the individual pet on the basis of risk of exposure and based on any local laws or ordinances.

A comprehensive physical exam by a veterinarian of each pet at least yearly is important to assess the health of the pet and to address any environmental

influences that could affect vaccination recommendations for that year. For example a cat's environment means the number of cats in an area and the opportunity for exposure. Is the cat free roaming or does it have access to the outdoors? Are cats living in multiple cat households, or periodically housed in boarding facilities? Does the cat live with other cats infected with the feline leukemia virus or with feline aids virus? All these issues and more will determine if your cat requires vaccinations and, if so, which vaccines and how frequently the vaccines should be given. Dr. Sylvia Graham runs Shattuck Cat Clinic at 1720 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 841-4252



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TALES FROM THE DOG HOUSE...

Calling All Dogs

Hail in Berkeley? Tornados in Sunnyvale? Is spring really here? Pet enthusiasts recovering from spring fever can't wait to get outside and have fun with their canine pals. Here are a few Bay Area summer events sure to provide a doggone good time for you and your four-legged friend.

Animal lovers will unite to walk their tales off on Sunday, May 31 with the Nike Animal Rescue Foundation (NARF) Walk-A-Thon. This fun activity will be held at Coyote Hellyer County Park in San Jose.

The NARF Walk-A-Thon boasts a barbecue picnic lunch for all participants, plus prizes and games like agility courses,

stupid pet tricks, and an ugly pet competition. All donations raised through sponsorship of NARF walkers help to provide necessary medical attention to homeless dogs and cats — including spay, neutering and vaccinations — that these animals need before being placed in permanent homes. Call (408) 263-1937 for more information.

On Sunday, June 7 the San Francisco SPCA hosts their annual Animal Wingding Street Fair. This action packed soiree features pet-related booths, singing, pet and other talent contests, food and beverages, and live entertainment. The highlight is a Parade of Life where pets and people take to 16th Street in San Francisco in a

promenade led by the San Francisco Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit Color Guard. Banners, costumes and creative dress are encouraged. The San Francisco SPCA can be reached at (415) 554-3000.

For more outdoor fun, don't miss the Third Animal Doggone Fun Run to benefit Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS). The 5K run/walk takes place on Sunday, June 14 at Speedway Meadows in

Golden Gate Park.

"The event is a creative way for people to help PAWS," exclaims Chris Dunaway of PAWS. "Our friends and supporters love to show off their dogs and have a wonderful time frolicking with others and their pets."

At the end of the fun run there will be live entertainment, prizes, and water and snacks for you and your pooch. All

donations raised from runner sponsorships enable PAWS to continue to provide a variety of services that help people with AIDS care for their companion animals. Participants can register early by calling PAWS at (415) 241-1460.

These are just a few of the

many pet activities happening in the Bay Area. So get out active, and bring your dog.

Tales From the Dog House is written by the Every Dog Has Its Day Care, a fun and care facility for dogs. Look for us again next month in Pet Talk. If you have topic suggestions or questions, please send them to Every Dog Has Its Day Care, attention Tales, 1306 Emeryville, CA 94608

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Art, Berkeley: 848-0181.
Traywick Gallery presents an art talk: 10:30 a.m.; Susan Martin and Perlman discuss Epiphanies 2 and 3. Their exhibits, based on oral phenomena are on view at Traywick gallery, 1316 Tenth St., Berkeley, 848-0181. Through May 31.
In Black & White: through June 7; a media exhibit; also: Landscape paintings, sculpture, photo and video. ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 843-2527.
Albany Arts Gallery: through June 7; "Flowers of California" color photography by Michael Williams; 1251 Albany Ave., Albany, 526-9558.
An Exhibit of Historic Materials: through September 6; never before seen! "In a Forgotten Zion: Birobidzhan and the Making of a Soviet Jewish Home." Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, 549-6950.
Sensitivity over Space: through July; an exhibit of original works in sculpture, ceramic, graphics and acrylic on paper and paper by Graham Shemi; MiLa Arts, 1307 Solano Ave., Albany, 526-9558.
Dancing at the Louvre: Faith and the French Collection and other Quilts; through Aug. 31; Berkeley's Art Museum and Pacific Film archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 848-0808, general admission \$6.
1997 Kala Art Institute Fellowship awards Exhibits, Part II: through June; Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Genesee Ave., Berkeley, 549-2977.

Bronze Age: through June 14; an outdoor exhibition of contemporary abstract and figurative bronze sculptures by five nationally known artists; New Leaf Gallery 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley, 525-7621.
Handbuilt Functional Pots: through May 31; works by Mark Pharis; Trax Gallery, 1306 3rd St., Berkeley, 526-0279.
The Visible Word: through July 31; An exhibit of ancient and contemporary Byzantine; 7 p.m.; April 28 is the opening reception. At the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.
"In Celebration of Passover: Contemporary Judaic Images": through May 28; an exhibition of lithographs, serigraphs, original paintings and sculptures by leading Israeli contemporary artists; 1307 Solano Ave. Albany, 845-0653.
"Glimpses of Arcadia": through June; works by Albany artist Carlo Ferretti; Foyer Gallery of the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany, 524-9283 for more info.
A.C.C.I. Gallery Exhibits:
 Due to earthquake retrofit construction, call to confirm that the gallery is open. Through June 7; Front Gallery; crafts, The Arts and Crafts Cooperative Inc., 1652 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 843-2527.
Lectures and Workshops
Turning Point Career Center
 May 14; 10 - 11 a.m.; Networking Hour for the Arts; free for members and

\$5 for non-members.
 May 19; 3 - 4 p.m.; Job-Hunting in Cyberspace; free for members and \$5 for non-members. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370.
City Commons Club
 May 15; Fran Packard, League of Women Voters, Berkeley presents "June 2 Ballot Issues"
 Speaker starts at 12:30 p.m.; \$1 admission with coffee, lunch served for fee; 2315 Durant Ave. Berkeley, 848-3533 or 845-4725 for info or reservations.
La Peña Cultural Center
 May 17; Iraq Report Back: 7:30 p.m.; Slides from a recent trip to Iraq, and the conditions of children there. \$5 - 10.
 May 21; Nubia: It's Impact and Influence on Nile Valley Civilizations, historic perspective on Nubia; 8 p.m.; \$5 - 10.
 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 849-2568.
May 15
The Center for Psychological Studies: noon - 1:30 p.m.; a lecture and discussion called Resources to Build Your Psychotherapy Practice. Led by Fran Wickner, PhD, MFCC. 1398 Solano Ave., Albany, 524-0291. Free.
May 18
A Woman's Work is Never Done: 7:30 p.m.; Jerry Roy and partner Paul Pilgrim present their collection of quilts at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road - Moeser Lane at Arlington, Kensington; 524-3760; \$3.
May 21
American Research Center in Egypt: 7:30 p.m.; Norcal Chapter and

UC-Berkeley present a lecture, "Avant Garde in Ancient Egypt: Innovative Painters of the 18th Dynasty"; room 160, Kroeber Hall, on the UC campus; 527-9746.
Literary Events
May 14
Playwrights Cafe: 7 - 10 p.m.; Will Dunne leads writing exercises at a meeting of the local playwrighting group; Drama Books, 1322A Solano Ave., Albany, 704-8855 for reservations (required). \$10.
May 17
Sisters and Brothers in Crime: 2 - 4 p.m.; with plots a plenty in the annual Mystery "Postmortem". Everyone welcome. 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 524-1370.
Black Oak Books
 May 14; 7:30 p.m.; Lia Matera, Havana Twist.
 May 17; 7:30 p.m.; Susan Dunlap, No Immunity.
 May 18; 7:30 p.m.; Molly Peacock, Paradise, Peace by Peace.
 May 19; 7:30 p.m.; Nicholas Papandreu, A Crowded Heart.
 May 20; 7:30 p.m.; Bernard Lefkoqitz, Our Guys.
 May 21; 7:30 p.m.; Nicholson Baker, Everlasting Story of Nory.
 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 468-0698.
GAIA Bookstore and Community Center
 May 14; 7:30 p.m.; Greg Bogart, The

Nine Stages of Spiritual Apprenticeship.
 May 15; 7:30 p.m.; Maren Hansen, Mother Mysteries.
 May 17; 3 p.m.; An Afternoon in Celebration of Local Publisher Conari Press.
 May 18; 7:30 p.m.; Gay Hendricks, The 10 Second Miracle.
 May 19; 7:30 p.m.; Ronna Kabatznick, The Zen of Eating.
 May 20; 7:30 p.m.; Z. Budapest, Summoning the Fates.
 May 21; 7 p.m.; Tanya Wilkinson, Medea's Folly: Women, relationships and the Search for Intimacy.
 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 848-GAIA.
Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore
 May 18; 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Easy going's armchair traveler reading group meets; with a focus on the West Indies; \$10 registration fee.
 May 19; 7:30 p.m.; Julia Scully, Outside Passage: A Memoir of an Alaskan Childhood.
 May 21; 7:30 p.m.; Witnesses to the Struggle: Imaging the 1930's California Labor Movement by Anne Loftis.
 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley, 843-3533.
Poetry Flash at Cody's Books
 May 17; 7:30 p.m.; Poetry reading: Luke Trent and Carolyn West.
 May 20; 7:30 p.m.; Poetry reading: August Kleinzahler and Gilian Conoley.

2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 845-7852. Suggested donation is \$2.
La Peña Cultural Center
 May 20; Poetry Writing Workshop: Led by Nina Serrano and Diane Wang. theme: Spring - Blossoming Poems. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m.; 7 p.m.; \$2 donation. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 849-2568.
Meetings
May 19
American Schizophrenia Association - Alliance for the Mentally Ill: 7:45 p.m.; support group for families of children with mental illness at the Claremont Branch Berkeley Library Meeting Room. Ashby and Benvenue; 841-8361.
Arthritis Foundation Fibromyalgia Support Group: noon - 2 p.m.; Rap Session at the Alta Bates Medical Center, Moffly Auditorium - Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley, 601-0550 for info or 204-4503 for directions.
The League of Women Voters, Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville is inviting the public to a choice of 4 different sites that will offer a presentation and discussion of the issues on the June 2 primary ballot.
 May 15; 10:30 a.m.; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst.
 May 17; 9:45 a.m.; Northbrae Community Church 941, The Alameda, Berkeley.
 May 19; 1 p.m.; South Branch Library, 1901 Russell.
 843-8824 at the League office for more info. See GOINGS, on C14



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that future pet owners can select a pet of their choice at the Oakland/Emeryville store.

However, there is a problem. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society needs an air-conditioned van to transport these animals to their new homes and to the Pet Club. If you have an air-conditioned van (in good working condition) to donate, please call Nancy Frenley or Larry Bruderer at (510) 845-7735 or (510) 845-3633.

About the Pet Club

Even though Pet Club is a "club store", it is open to the public. There are no membership fees, and unlike most "club stores", there is always someone to help you. The motto of the Pet Club is "Everything for your pet at warehouse prices."

The owners are originally from San Francisco, but now live throughout the Bay Area. There are six Pet Club stores in the Bay Area: Corte Madera, San Mateo, Hayward, Mountain View, Oakland, Emeryville, and South San Francisco. These pet supermarkets are more than 20,000 square feet in size, and they carry over 10,000 items. A survey conducted by a leading Bay Area consumer magazine indicated that the Pet Club stores have the lowest prices of all the pet chain stores located in Northern California.

They also have a "Caretaker" program, which will take in up to two pets when a member of the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society passes away. This organization will place their pets in loving homes with a lifetime guarantee of veterinary care at their own hospital.

The volunteers of the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society are now calling for more than 100 homeless animals. These animals need to be placed in "tender loving" homes. To place these animals in good care, the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is starting a Mobile Adoption program.

When the management of the Pet Club heard about these homeless animals, they offered to help. Pet Club will offer their facilities on busy weekends so

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■ Martin Snapp

Mission Accomplished: It was raining hard last Tuesday night as I arrived at the Alameda Buddhist Temple for Shig Futagaki's funeral, and that pretty much reflected how I felt.

I had known Shig was sick for some time, but the news of his death on April 30 still hit hard. And I wasn't the only one who felt that way. Hundreds of people crowded into the temple last Tuesday to say good-bye to this gentle man.

Rev. Zukei Taniguchi, who officiated, said 500 people were there, but I think that was way low. Heck, there were at least 500 of us in an adjoining room, watching the ceremony on closed-circuit television because the main hall was too packed.

The mourners came from all walks of life. Some were kids who had played for Shig when he coached youth baseball teams for the Oakland-Alameda Athletic Club, or when he organized a 33-team, 750-player baseball league for the Golden Gate Optimist Club.

Some were from the Japanese-American Citizens League, who were there to honor Shig for his lifelong dedication to his fellow Japanese-Americans.

Some were from the Buddhist community, who shared his spiritual commitment and benefited from his great generosity to the Alameda Buddhist Temple. Some were employees of the company he founded, Nisei Plastics, who say he was the kind of boss most of us can only dream about.

And some were his comrades-in-arms from Company E of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Japanese-American World War II outfit that earned more medals for bravery than any other unit in American history.

But we all had one thing in common: There was not a single person there who hadn't received an act of gratuitous kindness from Shig at one time or other. He was that kind of guy.

Shigeo Futagaki was born in 1924 and grew up in Hayward. He graduated from Hayward High School in 1942, but his diploma had to be mailed to him because he and his family (along with all other Japanese-Americans on the West Coast) were incarcerated in "relocation camps," such as the one in Topaz, Utah, where Shig's family was sent.

And what did Shig do when America put his family behind barred wire? He volunteered to fight for America, like so many other members of the 442nd.

It is hard to find another such example of returning good for evil in the whole of human history. And fight they did, through some of the bloodiest battles of the war. They liberated the city of Bruyeres, France, just minutes before the Gestapo was due to execute more than 5,000 resistance fighters (including the future President of France, Francois Mitterrand, who was then only 16).

Near the town of Biffontaine, they accomplished the impossible: rescuing the famous "Lost Battalion," a unit of about 300 Texans that was trapped behind the German lines. But they lost 800 men doing it. For young Shig Futagaki, World War II consisted mostly of climbing up mountain after mountain, with the Germans on top pouring down as much metal as they could. More than once, close friends died in his arms.

When the war was over he came back to America and found the old prejudices were still here. His medals counted for nothing when it came to getting a job.

Undaunted, he got his parents out of the camp, married his girlfriend Chiyo (whom he had met in camp) and set about rebuilding his life.

He started working in the sign business to learn the trade. Then, in 1953, he moved to Oakland and founded his own company, Nisei Plastics, which is now one of the country's premier sign manufacturers. You know that stand-up display of Mrs. See in all the See's Candy stores? That's one of Shig's.

He was a great husband to Chiyo, a loving father to their two sons, a doting grandfather to his grandchildren, a generous boss to his employees, a dedicated member of his temple, a selfless member of his community, and a loyal friend to his friends. And he was a war hero, too.

There is no way we can adequately thank Shig and his comrades for all they've done for our country. But if you want to make a start, you are cordially invited to join the men of E Company next Friday, May 22, at Oakland's Roberts Park, when they dedicate a bronze plaque at the 442nd RCT Memorial Redwood Tree. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m., just off the far parking lot.

Among the guests of honor will be Lou Haddad of Monterey, a survivor of the Lost Battalion whose life was saved by the 442nd all those years ago; and Mike McKague of Morgan Hill, whose late father was also a member of the Lost Battalion.

The men of E Company have asked me to emphasize that ALL veterans of World War II are invited. This will be a ceremony to honor not just members of the 442nd, but everyone who gave their lives in that great crusade.

Considering that these men laid down their lives so you and I could live, it will be a privilege to be able to say, "Thank you."

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Money

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to include the bulb in the Eastshore State Park.

The \$1.7 million was part of a \$2.5 million agreement signed by the city and the Parks Department in 1985, to be used for closure and toxic remediation of the bulb, formerly known as the Albany Landfill.

Though a closure order issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board calls for capping the bulb with clay to prevent pollution from rainwater infiltration and runoff, city officials hope to amend that order and more or less leave the bulb as is.

While city officials say they are making progress in amending the order, they have yet to see eye to eye with Water Quality Control Board engineers, who, according to Bill Ekern, Albany's Community Development Director, believe the former landfill still has the potential to leak pollutants into the Bay. Will Bruhns, a senior engineer with the board, said his agency would prefer an impermeable, grass-covered surface that would minimize both infiltration and runoff. The board's directors are expected to discuss the matter in September.

According to Ekern, the Water Quality Control Board's solution would cost roughly \$5 million, far more than is available at present. Thus far, the city has used approximately \$820,000 in Parks Department funds to monitor and test the site, and hoped to use the \$1.7 million that was reappropriated last June to continue to do so and for initial development of the park.

Garden

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grown considerably since the first seeds were sown last year.

"For me, personally, it's kind of tied a lot of my classes together," said teacher Ray Johnson, found tending to the site with a class last Friday. "It's kind of an interesting concept in that it has to be a very unselfish approach."

Students in a mechanical drawing class designed the garden last year, while others built tiny greenhouses and still others have adopted planter beds for various purposes. Johnson's environmental science class, for example, is conducting

Muddy

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Fields said on Tuesday. Delays encountered thus far, including an unexpectedly wet sub grade, a wider cement base than was listed in documents used to plan the project, and, strangest of all, and numerous rainstorms in May, have set construction back about a week, said Community Development Director Bill Ekern. "It's actually going pretty well," he said. "It's moving as well as can be expected, given the weird weather."

At present, crews are installing a new storm drain, and will build a new sewer line after that. If all goes as planned, sidewalks will be removed in mid-June, Ekern said. The

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How interested is Gottschalks? Consider that it is seriously looking at a site in the Bay Area, instead of its usual location in inner-California. Consider that the Plaza, unlike thriving Emeryville locations, does not have the freeway frontage major retailers typically desire. And consider that the chain is "willing to do a free-standing store," Noyan said. "Most chains nowadays want to do mall stores or no stores at all."

The next move is for Gottschalks to evaluate site plans, Noyan said. After that the two sides will discuss site configurations and the economics, the next step in the process. "The ball is in their court right now," he said.

Discussions are not stopping here, however.

The Plaza Company has also contacted two other department stores and will be meeting with them at the annual National Shopping Center Convention.

"The seeds have been planted, and hopefully something will grow. That's the goal, and American Stores and Milton Bilak are all pushing for that."

Noyan said a department store would probably be located "mostly on the Bilak property,"

Eventually, the city hoped to transfer ownership of the land to the state.

While inclusion in the Eastshore State Park is some 10 or 20 years off, Ekern said, the \$1.7 million would have provided the East Bay Regional Parks District with an incentive to address the former landfill in plans for the park.

As for how the latest move will effect previous plans, Ekern said that while "it's not clear what will happen, it takes money out of the project, no doubt about that."

Slow evolution to park use

Plans for the waterfront area have evolved considerably over the decades, from the "Albany Isles" project of the 1960s, which included building three islands — complete with a "boatel" — just off the waterfront, to plans drafted by Catellus Development Corp. in the 1980s to build hotels and other commercial development.

After city voters passed Measure C in 1990, which requires voter approval of any unzoned use in the area, the possibility for such a project began to dwindle.

Last year, Catellus divested itself of its shoreline properties in Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany, selling 207 acres to the East Bay Regional Park District for the proposed park and another 225 acres to Ladbroke Racing Corp., which owns the Golden Gate Fields Race-track. Though the latter move solidified Ladbroke's presence on the waterfront, the former was viewed by park supporters as a significant step toward creation of a park that will eventually stretch from Emeryville to Richmond.

Steve Granholm, chair of the

Albany Waterfront Committee, said current plans call for leaving the bulb for the most part as is, and that he hopes the final closure order will disturb vegetation as little as possible. Technically, trespassing is forbidden at the former landfill, although the windswept stretch of concrete, rebar and heavy brush is currently the site of numerous squatters' camps, and is used regularly by dog walkers, fishermen, hikers and others.

While the bulb's current users might hail the latest development as a positive in that the area will continue to be "an urban experiment in seeing what happens to a space when it is ignored by bureaucracy and civilization," those who hope for its inclusion in the park can view it as a delay at best.

According to Fields, the already-glacial project has been continually hampered by the state Parks Department, which, he said, takes months to respond to requests for funding, and often underfunds projects to boot.

"I see this as just one more bump in the road," Fields said. "This is just a classic example of their behavior."

For the moment, the City Attorney will review the 1985 agreement with the department, and the city will likewise seek a legislative remedy through Aroner, who, like Fields, was outraged. Normally, she said, local agencies and legislators such as herself are notified when funds are reappropriated.

"I would have appreciated a phone call," said Aroner, who planned on making a call of her own to the Parks Department's director this week. "I'm presuming (the situation) can be fixed."

has been home to tomatoes, carrots, radishes, zucchini, jalapenos, bell peppers and a wide array of flowers.

"It's meant getting outside into the fresh air and seeing things grow and interacting with people in the garden," Owens said. "It's been wonderful for me, very fulfilling. I'm excited the community gets to see it."

The garden is located behind the grove of Redwoods at the Bill Lewis Teen Center on Buchanan Street. The tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday May 30.

said, probably better than before construction. While all businesses have suffered somewhat, those with regular clientele appear to be doing best, Bullwinkel said, while those that attract out of town shoppers have suffered from the inconvenience and lack of access that accompanies tearing a street apart and rebuilding it from scratch.

"This is apparently the worst of it," she said. "Hopefully we'll all survive, and Solano will be a much better place."

"I'm hoping that I'll be all right," said Bradley, expressing the same cautious optimism as other merchants. "I'm planning on making it."

slowly and at this point it is better safe than sorry about Brusatori speaking out ... "It's a mess," says a Cornell Elementary crossing guard about Solano Avenue road repair.

Construction-related vehicles are taking many of the side street parking spaces and school employees have to fend for themselves as far as finding parking, the guard said. On the bright side, there have been fewer long lines at the Albany Post Office the past three weeks. We should note, by the way, that the track bed being torn up was for Southern Pacific's "Big Red Trains," not the Key System ... A hearty welcome to incoming RCT Postmaster Ray Gaffigan. Hope you can do something about those treacherous potholes in the Del Norte post office parking lot ... Weekend gardeners should check out this Sunday's exhibition of "Old Roses" at the EC Community Center, 7007 Moeser at Ashbury. That's the place to find old rose plantings and related items from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tell 'em The Journal sent 'cha ... There's still time to catch the 1998 Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition in Sacramento featuring renowned EC artist Mariane Kolb, at least until May 28. Kolb is one of 57 artists honored out of 521 entries ...



■ Bill Mann

KRON Anchor Weighs in: I had coffee with KTV anchor Pete Wilson near his home in Mill Valley other day. Wilson, like yours truly, is never so opinionated, though he does rein them in, understand, when he's on the air. Channel 4's 6 and 11 p.m. co-anchors attract attention, given his 6-3 frame and recognizable face, and customers nearby were listening in.

The L.A. suicide broadcast on live TV a couple weeks ago — interrupting some kiddie shows — was on Wilson's mind. "When I walked into KRON TV, I noticed news managers huddled around TV, watching the live coverage on KNBC," recalled Wilson, referring to KRON's NBC sister station in L.A. "You could see where all this might be heading, especially after guy jumped up on the guardrail. You could hear reporter on the scene yelling to his director, 'Pull Pull back!'"

"When the guy did shoot himself, it was the horrifying thing I've ever watched on TV. I got so slammed my hand down on the desk and hurt myself."

Wilson said he was proud of KRON's news managers for not showing that live coverage — or taped footage of the suicide (as far as I know, no one else has either). "Our news director went around the new building everyone to 'flag' that footage so that it would be used."

"But listen," Wilson smiled. "There's something live shots of this kind of breaking-news stuff and coverage of car chases that sucks you in. I can't watch it."

"I'll tell you something funny," Wilson chuckled. "There was another L.A. car chase two weeks before I mean, this guy being chased threw every trick in the book at the cops. I was mesmerized by the time he tossed out of another car and drove off in it."

How wired into the chase was Wilson? "I was hooked that I asked our technician to put the chase, bottom corner of my anchor-desk monitor. I was keeping an eye on it during our newscast."

So while you were watching "NewsCenter 4," Wilson was watching another station.

It's refreshing to hear a respected newsman admit base, voyeuristic instincts instead of pretending to be high-road.

The lantern-jawed Wilson is nothing if not outspoken and it's literally paid off for the high-profile newsman who's the second-highest-paid anchor in the market.

Not the highest-paid? "No, Dave McElhatton is more," says Wilson without hesitation while sipping latte. The veteran KPDX newsman is, like Wilson, a non-sports client of Berkeley superagent Leigh Maguire Steinberg. Wilson commands a salary reportedly to be around \$650,000. Oakland's McElhatton reportedly pulls in just over 700K.

Wilson, 53, has three years to go on his local KRON deal, but he admits his next contract may not be as much. "The business has changed," he says. "Salary structure isn't the same. Look at what's happened at Channel 7."

Wilson shakes his head when I ask him for a rough idea of what's going on over at Channel 7 these days. "That was in such turmoil when I was there, and that's why I left," he says. "It doesn't look like it's changed much. They started cutting the payroll just about the time I left, and now people like Carol Ivy and Steve Dague are gone. They've cleaned house to save money. They're in a whole bunch of people they didn't have to pay much, and that process has continued. Few of the bunch are left."

Wilson, who's not about to work at KGO again candidly, "I can't figure out what they're doing at KGO. They're slick, they look good, the lighting and design. They've got all the bells and whistles, and though there's some good work being done, it all seems superficial."

With Wilson's old KGO boss, former general manager Jim Topping, having just retired and a new man running Channel 7, it's unknown what might happen next. ABC-owned station. Still and all, as the May sweeps wind down, KGO is still the station to beat at 6 p.m., although Wilson and Pam Moore dominate the Nielsen at 11 p.m. and Channel 4 has improved its early-evening numbers.

"It's still the Oprah effect," says Wilson, shaking his head. "Her show hands KGO's 5 p.m. newscast a huge lead-in audience, that even if half of them are 'her' still win at 5, and there's a carryover at 6 having Rosie O'Donnell at 3 has just made that lead-in even bigger."

After our conversation, however, I discovered KRON's hot new syndicated show at 4:30, "Judge," is matching Oprah's ratings some days, thus negating some of Wilson's "Oprah effect."

KTVU? Wilson leaves little doubt he isn't one of 10 p.m. co-anchor Leslie Griffith's fans, but he says "Consistency is their strength. They've found what works and have stuck with it. I would agree that Dick Richmond's approach to reading the news is more than mine."

KPIX? "They have good on-air people, but they budget problems. They keep telling you their news is different, but it isn't. People aren't stupid. It's all new paint job."

Wilson agrees he reads the news with less "attitude" than he once did at Channel 7, and he has nothing to praise for his KRON co-anchors, Suzanne Shaw and Pam Moore. "The in-your-face approach doesn't work well with KRON's more serious approach to news. 'What I project now is what you might call cynical bemusement,'" says Wilson, who then adds that he's taken up landscape painting in recent years.

How long will he continue to anchor? "I've got more years before they push me out," says the 53-year-old heading out the door to his waiting Lexus. "My god, chuckles, 'is to leave gracefully before retirement.'"

"It used to be that you never saw an anchorwoman age. When I entered this business, you never even saw an anchorwoman who was 40. Now you do. In this business, things have changed for the better in our business."

A final example of Wilson's sense of humor: He's been shooting our very pregnant reporter, Bob Burdette, above the waist, trying to hide her pregnant belly. Wilson smiles. "The other night, as she was wrapping a story, I was hoping so much that the camera guy pull back." The story, Wilson adds, smiling, was Viagra. "I thought everyone would find that amusing."

Jackets want Cal lax title

■ Berkeley boys win NCJLA championship and move on.

By Jelani Harper

Before Berkeley High won the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association's title last Saturday, the Yellowjackets had a few demons to face. They have a couple of more to conquer.

Next weekend they are at Cal State Hayward to take on Monterey's Robert Louis Stevenson in the state final four. The winner of that game will play the winner of San Diego's Serra and as yet a team to be determined from Orange County in the finals.

Last Wednesday the Jackets played Palo Alto, the only team to beat them by more than one goal this year. The following Thursday they took on Bishop O'Dowd, the No. 1 team in the league. After winning both hard-fought road contests by a score of 15-8, and 5-4, respectively, the Jackets had to battle Acalanes, which had beaten them twice this year, in the finals.

"We got a tough draw in the playoffs," remarked Jackets coach Chris Sparhawk after his team's 12-10 championship victory over Acalanes. "We had back-to-back road games against Palo Alto and O'Dowd, then af-



ter passing that hurdle we had to play a team we had yet to beat in the finals. It was a little scary but we proved we're champions, and that's the way we wanted it."

Last Saturday's game was lacrosse at its finest, a high flying spectacle that left fans breathless until the last seconds had ticked away. The crucial moment of the game occurred in the third quarter, when the Dons outscored the Jackets, 5-2, to cut their four-point lead to a single goal.

"That's happened to us before against them. They got us down in

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Photos by Jeff Lindquist
Robbie Helliesen, above, scored the final goal to give Jackets the NCJLA title over Acalanes; Michael John Crickmore and goalie Santiago Lerma stop the ball in front of net.



Lady Jackets' final fall

■ Junior Varsity boys beat St. Ignatius in lacrosse final.

By Jelani Harper

Last Saturday Berkeley High looked poised for a triple sweep of the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association's state championships. Not only were all three Yellowjackets teams playing in the finals, but the recent rainstorms had allowed for the games to be moved from San Francisco's St. Ignatius High to the Jacket's home field.

The boys junior varsity was up first and didn't disappoint the boisterous hometown crowd as it defeated St. I, 8-5. The boys varsity kept things rolling with an exciting, 12-10, win over Acalanes, setting the stage for the sweep with the girls varsity's showdown with St. I.

Unfortunately, the Lady Wildcats had other plans.

St. I dominated both sides of the field and scored a 9-2 victory to end Berkeley's hope of sweeping the finals.

But according to co-coach Liah Farley, the Jackets are anything but disappointed.

"We took second in Northern California so we have nothing to be ashamed of," remarked Farley.

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St. Mary's heavy ACCAL favorite

By Jeff Sepulveda

With the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League track and field championships scheduled for this week, we would expect a team with title aspirations to be a bit nervous, or on edge. For the St. Mary's High girls team, that may be true to an extent.

But for the awesomely talented team, the league championships are largely a showcase for their second-string runners who promise to be the stars of the future for the dominant East Bay power.

The mighty Panthers, who feature a senior class that could place as many as a dozen competitors in state meet finals this year, don't build as much as reload.

The Lady Panthers are expected to dominate the field events at the finals. They dominated ACCAL dual meet competition this season. But in the track events, SM's depth, which was a key factor in the huge margins of victory the team racked up this season, may be overcome by the large and talented field.

"In the league meets, we were very good at getting a lot of girls to step third, fourth and fifth place," coach Jay Lawson. "In the league meets, the top girls from the other schools will probably prevent that.

That gives teams like Encinal, who have a few dominant performers, a chance to score well as a team."

But the Panthers have dominant performers themselves. Senior sprinter Raanee Mahali (Hills Newspapers' Athlete of the Month) has proven that she can run with the top sprinters in the ACCAL such as Encinal's Sharita Reed and Michelle Armstrong and El Cerrito's Katrina Keith.

Mahali hasn't been defeated in the long jump in ACCAL competition this year.

Panthers' Spring Harris also figures to rack up points for SM. Still hobbling a bit after a foot injury cost her a month on the shelf, Harris should win the high jump using only one leg.

Even at less than full strength, Harris should place highly in other events, from the 400 and 800 and relays, to the shot put.

Juniors Rosie Aikens and Desirea English are also expected to dominate their specialties. Aikens is undefeated in the discus and shot put in ACCAL competition this year, and English may compete for North Coast Section champion honors in the triple jump.

The cavalier approach to the ACCAL finals for SM's boys has a lot to do with the fact that the Panthers will sweep the event with such ease that its stars may not break a sweat.

The majority of the boys team has its eyes on a prize much bigger than adding another notch on the Panthers



Jay Lawson's track teams have won the ACCAL title all 12 years he's been at SM.

ACCAL title belt, a belt that's been worn by SM every year of Lawson's 12-year tenure.

"Our goal since the beginning of the year has been to be North Coast Section champions," said Lawson. "For the league finals, we're going to give some of our younger kids a

chance to get some experience competing in big events."

One competitor who is benefiting from such prime time exposure is sophomore sprinter Denye Versher, who on any other team in the Bay Area would likely be MVP caliber.

"He's only a sophomore, and al-

ready he's running great times in both the 200 and 400," said Lawson.

Versher, as well as junior Kimani Lovan, while expected to form the backbone of next year's Panthers team, are clearly ready to compete at a higher level this year.

While eight Panthers were competing at the Penn Relays, Lovan took advantage of their absence and won the 400 meters at the Bay Top 8 Invitational at James Logan High.

Lovan has also subbed for Chan-

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— JAY LAWSON, SM TRACK COACH

dler White on occasion for the Panthers 1,600 meter relay team and ran a leg on SM's school record-breaking effort this past weekend at the Meet of Champions Invitational in Sacramento with a mark of 3:14.36.

As if SM didn't have enough going for it heading into the ACCALs, the Panthers will host the event this year. The starter's gun is scheduled to go off this Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Improved Panthers have to win rest of 'em

By Jeff Sepulveda

They've come a long way, baby. From the depths of a 2-22 season a year ago, this year's St. Mary's High softball team has a winning record at 9-7, and has emerged as a contender for an Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League playoff spot.

Rookie softball coach Casey Filson, a former baseball assistant, has presided over the turnaround, and says SM has improved in every area of the game.

"We play defense better, we definitely hit better, and we've had pretty good pitching," he said. "We've still struggled against some of the better competition, but we're beating up on the lesser teams."

Pitching has been a key component of the turnaround, and Alexandra Hammond and Becky Waxman have done the bulk of it. Waxman has earned five of the team's nine wins, but Filson says that Hammond is handicapped by the assignments she draws.

"Hammond is in there against the tougher opponents," he ex-

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Gauchos look for ACCAL bye or else it'll be 'bye bye baby'

By Jeff Sepulveda

This is a big week for El Cerrito's baseball team. The Gauchos currently alone in second place in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League with a 7-1 record. By Friday night, they could be ACCAL champs. After a 6-2 win over St. Mary's last week, the Gauchos have their destiny in their own hands: win three games and they share the ACCAL title with Encinal.

But if EC loses more than one, they'll fight it out with Albany, St. Mary's, De Anza, and St. Joseph for a spot in the first round of next week's

ACCAL playoffs.

The week got off to an inauspicious start as Tuesday's home game against St. Joe, a makeup game from a previous rainout, was again postponed due to rain.

With the game rescheduled for this Thursday, that left the Gauchos facing back-to-back games on Wednesday and Thursday before Friday's showdown with undefeated Encinal.

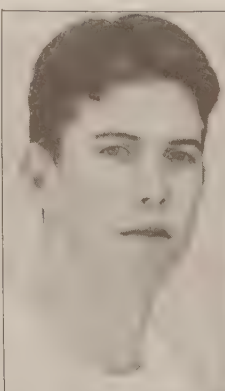
With EC coach Dennis Abel unsure of his pitching rotation even prior to Tuesday's rainout, the factor of three games in consecutive days surely won't help matters.

"We have to see how things work out this week before I decide who will pitch against Encinal," Abel said. "Our goal is not necessarily to beat Encinal, but to win a bye in the first round of the playoffs. We have three games left, and I'm not sure who will be pitching in any or all of them."

EC has a clear ace in senior Horace Lawrence, as well as capable starters in Jarion White and Ray Kuykendall. But with three games in three days, it is unlikely that Lawrence could start both Wednesday and Friday.

EC clinched a playoff spot with a

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Pitcher J.G. LaRochette is Jackets' only bright spot.

Jackets clinging to EBAL hopes

By Jelani Harper

With only three games left in the East Bay Athletic League, Berkeley's baseball team is going back, back, way back ...

... in the standings, that is. Last week the Yellowjackets dropped two in a row to fall into a third-place tie with San Ramon, which they were scheduled to play on Wednesday. Only the top three teams in the EBAL earn North Coast Section berths, so at this point the Jackets have to fight to stay alive.

After last Thursday's 6-1 loss to league-leader Monte Vista, the Jackets turned around and dropped a 3-1 decision to Livermore the following Friday. In both games the Jackets had trouble hitting, particularly against Livermore in which they only managed two hits and were struck out 15 times by Cowboys' winning pitcher Nick Burns.

"Honestly, our hitting goes up and down," explained Jackets coach Larry Gordon after the

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Albany - Berkeley Girls Softball League

Michael Blake

their first Saturday matchups of May, the girls of the Albany Berkeley Softball League made it clear that the kinks of April are now ironed out. In most cases, the girls were learning that they had to manufacture runs with sharp play, and could no longer count on defensive errors to advance the base paths. Highlights of last weekend's play:

MICRO DIVISION

The 6- and 7-year-old players dramatically demonstrated on Saturday that how quickly they are advancing, chewing the tee and clobbering live pitching.

In split-squad games, players from the Tiddlywinks Teasers, Andronico's All-Stars and Alpha Phi Bears battled Codornices Park in three ferocious contests. About the only thing that eased some fear among the fierce competitors was the appearance on some plate of a worm in the midst of one of the contests.

For the Bears, Emily Mayer hit the ball solidly, causing the adult coach to duck during one at bat. And while Mya Shallos was demonstrating excellent throws to 1st in 1 game, her twin sister Sanghina played excellent defense on the split-squad team playing on another field. After the game, their mother agreed to take them for new shoes to celebrate their perfor-

mance. For the Teasers, pitcher Meredith McCay made a great fielding play. For the All-Stars, Mattison Peters had solid, towering hits. Both she and Roxie Perkins, on the other field, swung at the ball with extraordinary power while also showing terrific concentration both at bat and in the field. And after two solid left-handed hits, Rachael Masterson surprised everyone by getting a hit batting right-handed in her last at bat. Rachael particularly enjoyed playing against the Bears. "I like their T-shirts," she said, admiring their maroon color.

YOUNGER DIVISION

Black, Brown & Lanier L'Eagles 32
Stutz Olive Oil Wildcats 27

Consistent hitting produced a methodical march around the base paths in the early innings for the L'Eagles. Especially convincing at bat was Phoebe White, the picture of focus and determination as she laced the ball for doubles in both the 3rd and the 6th innings. Lisa Richardson stirred teammates and spectators alike when she homered in the 6th on a sharply hit line drive to left. Meanwhile, the Wildcats were booming as well, with hard hits from Maleta Wilson, Olivia Stutz, and Emily Fong. Defensively, Ariel Feingold-Shaw, Hannah Lyman, and Santelia Rose made some excellent stops, while Hannah Pollock and Karina Piser both made fine

forceouts at 2nd.

In the field, the L'Eagles exhibited fine glove work in several dazzling unassisted plays and also demonstrated exceptional teamwork in the infield. Ari Usher combined with Leah Belzer-Adams to put out 2 runners at 1st in the 1st. In the 2nd, Nina Gordon-Kirsch made 2 fine outs at 3rd, catching a well-hit fly and nabbing a quick flip from Phoebe White. The 5th inning saw Leah Belzer-Adams put the finishing touches to her masterpiece defensive game when she forced an out at 3rd and then caught a fly ball to end the inning.

Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers 28
Davitt Felder Stamps Royals 26
In a close, well-played game, the Davitt Felder Stamps Royals led for much of the game but lost in the end. The Royals began the 1st inning with solid hits by Lauren Halperin and Rachel Krow-Boniske, who combined for 7 hits. The Smilemakers' Amaya Fernandez slowed the Royals with an impressive unassisted putout at 3rd, but the Royals ended the inning with 5 runs. In their half of the 1st, the Smilemakers answered with 5 runs of their own, led by Ali Underwood's solid hitting and strong base running. Royals pitcher Abby Cheitlin kept the game even with good defense, throwing out 2 Smilemakers at 1st. The middle innings found both teams on the offensive. The top of the 2nd featured 2 hard-hit triples by the Royals, first by

Sarah Ball to center and then by Xochitl Sosa-Campbell to right. Royals Rachel Krow-Boniske and Carolyn Thompson each hit safely 3 times. For the Smilemakers, Mariko Conner and Leah Fischer knocked out solid hits, and Sarah Jelinsky smashed a bases-clearing triple in the 4th.

The final inning began with the Royals holding a scant 2-run lead. In an impressive defensive display, 3 Royals' baserunners were forced out at 2nd in quick succession, with sure-handed fielding and good teamwork by Smilemakers' infielders Sarah Jelinsky, Jenna Nation and Lucy Archer. The Royals managed 2 runs in their half of the inning, leaving the Smilemakers down by 4 as they came to bat. In an all-around offensive effort, the Smilemakers peppered the Royals with hits, including Nation's hard-hit line drive to center. When the inning ended, the Smilemakers had touched home 6 times, for a 2-run victory.

Mason McDuffie Mighty Ducks 17
James Painting Generals 17

After a rousing chorus of the National Anthem, The Mighty Ducks sent 10 girls up to the plate without an out and then were overpowering on defense by getting 3 outs including an unbelievable catch of a hard fly ball. Mollie Hudson of the Generals responded by scooping a grounder and firing over to Natassia Peterson for a putout at 1st. Peterson, who also came through with a

triple, was celebrating a great comeback after suffering a bonk to the throat last week when she bravely fielded a hot potato at short. Alexes Casella ran her heart out to score a run, and showed focus and skill in stopping a barrage of grounders at 2nd. Malorie Knesal put on a fielding clinic by grabbing 2 grounders and flawlessly throwing over to 1st and 2nd. Lily Stern, who whopped an awesome homer, added to her legend, for she has already been a defensive king in 3 double plays this season (one unassisted).

OLDER DIVISION

Autumn Press Amazons 12
Salon Salon Slidin' Slammers 7

Although the Amazons jumped to a 7-0 lead after 2 innings, this did not play like a one-sided game. Defensive gems such as Amazon's Danielle Moore's inning-ending snag of a hot line drive in the 1st were matched by similar Slammer plays such as Laelena Brooks' leaping snow-cone catch to end the 3rd. When Amazon's Claire Wilkens tagged out Brianna Myers at home in the 1st, the payback was not long in coming. In the bottom of the inning, Myers threw a bullet to catcher Makenda Burroughs-Miller to catch Wilkens trying to steal home.

The Slammers' offense awoke in the 3rd, sparked by singles from Myers and Rosie Moorhead and a huge RBI double from Julia Granholm. Speedy Casey Horvitz cruised across the plate in the next play. In the bottom of the 3rd, the Slammers,

led by Brooks, held the Amazons to just 1 run. Aside from her great catch, Brooks also turned a nifty double play at 2nd, her 3rd of the young season. But the Amazons offense was not to be stopped. In the 4th, Autumn Miley-Boland led off with a sharp single, Wilkens and Moore walked, and then RBI from Sacha Maxwell and Stephanie Teng iced the Amazons' victory, with Moore scoring the final run on a great slide and close call at the plate.

Montclair Travel Lady Scots 6
Jane Hammond Events Tornadoes 1

In a well-played contest, the Lady Scots, benefiting from a couple of Tornadoes miscues, jumped off to a 4-run lead in the 1st. Rachael Winograd's ringing double to right and Erica Tietjen's 2-RBI single paced the Scot's attack. For the next 6 innings, Scots pitcher Ali Moon and Tornadoes hurler Sara Corrigan-Gibbs locked up in a brilliant pitching duel. While Corrigan-Gibbs surrendered just 4 hits, Moon was equally bright, allowing only 3, including Joe Warner's sharp double to center and Kayla Lewis' single to right. Beginning in the 2nd, both teams played inspired defense with the "play of the day" being the graceful running catch by Tornadoes center fielder Anna Lanois.

CAL DIGEST

Baseball team ends season

The Cal baseball team (22-32 overall) finished the season by winning three games last weekend at 19 Washington, defeating the Huskies, 6-0, before falling in the last games 6-4 and 8-4. Cal freshman pitcher Jason Dennis (6-5) had an outstanding effort Friday in the Bears' victory, pitching his third complete

game of the season with six hits, no runs, only one walk and a career-high seven strikeouts. The Huskies had not been shut out in 115 straight games. Dennis finished the season 6-5 with a 4.88 ERA, one save, three complete games and a team-leading 97.7 innings pitched.

Last week in the Bears games vs. St. Mary's and the three-game series at Washington, senior captain Aaron Gordnier went 8-for-17 (.471) with

two doubles, two home runs and five RBI. He was 3-for-5 with two doubles, a home run and three RBI May 6 against St. Mary's with his last home collegiate at-bat at Evans Diamond was a two-run homer. Gordnier then was 5-for-12 with a homer and two RBI against the Huskies. He finished the season hitting 10 homer in his last 16 games and finished with a .345 average, 14 home runs, 47 RBI and was 21-for-25 in stolen bases.

Freshman infielder Xavier Nady finished the season batting .404 (second on the Cal all-time single-season list) with a school record 28 doubles (old record for single-season doubles was 25 set by Jeff Kent in 1987), five triples, 15 home runs (Cal freshman home run record, seventh-best Cal single-season mark), 70 RBI (second on the Cal single-season list, tied with Lance Blankenship, '85), a school record 173 total bases (old record 168 set by Troy Penix, '92) and a school record .776 slugging percentage (old record .712 by Kevin Maas, '86).

Women water polo team falls to Bruins again

The No. 3 Cal women's water polo team (27-6) fell to No. 1 UCLA, 7-3, in the championship match of the Women's Water Polo National Collegiate Championships Sunday at USC. It was the third year in a row the Bears have fallen to the Bruins in the national title match. UCLA scored first in the match, but Cal came back on goals by seniors Alicia Razzari and Alisa vonHartitzsch, giving the Bears a 2-1 lead with 3:59 left in the first

quarter. The Bruins quickly countered with two goals and never trailed. VonHartitzsch received her third ejection foul less than a minute into the third quarter and was forced to sit out the rest of the match. Cal only managed one more goal the rest of the contest, on a shot by sophomore Heather Petri in the fourth quarter. The Bears junior goalie Evi Schueller played well in the final match with seven saves and had 21 saves in the tournament. VonHartitzsch lead the national championship in scoring with nine goals in the four matches and was named to the all-tournament first team.

Sophomores Colette Glinkowski and Heather Petri, and junior Kaliya Young were named to the all-tournament second team, and senior Karen Cook received honorable mention all-tournament. Cal had defeated Indiana, 7-0; USC, 7-3 and Stanford, 8-5, to get to the final.

EBAL

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ate Vista loss. "We had 12 hits in

our last game, four hits before that, and 10 hits in the game before that. So it's an up and down battle for us. Mentally, we just have to focus a little more."

Though the Jackets did manage five hits against MV, they couldn't get them in clutch situations. With no outs in the bottom of the sixth inning, Robert Collignon popped up, Elishama Goldfarb struck out, and

Lucas Van Dyke struck out to blow a bases-loaded opportunity. All told, the Jackets stranded 10 base runners.

Gordon said, "we just didn't execute. I expected the guys to step up today in big situations and it just didn't happen."

The only bright spot in the MV loss was senior Jean Gabriel LaRoche's performance on the mound. Though the right hander gave

up eight hits, he only had five going into the last inning and kept the Mustangs to just three runs, two of which were unearned.

"He just signed a letter-of-intent to St. Mary's," said Gordon. "In three years I've only had to pull him out of a game twice, and the first time was two weeks ago. He proved again today that he's one of the league's top

pitchers."

On Friday the Jackets are scheduled to take on second place Amador Valley at San Pablo Park, at 4 p.m. A win against San Ramon and Amador would almost certainly clinch the Jackets' North Coast berth, and a win in the EBAL finale against California might even get the Jackets a second place finish.

Gauchos

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clutch win last Friday over St. Mary's which left EC alone in second place. Lawrence starred as he shut out the host Panthers for the first six innings.

EC carried a two-run lead into the seventh and final inning before the Gauchos bats finally got to SM starter Craig Nord.

Kelly O'Dea got things started for

EC as he homered and senior first baseman Thomari Story-Harden smacked a three-run shot, his fourth homer of the season, to give EC a commanding, 6-0 lead.

After the game, Abel was thankful for the performance by Lawrence and that the home runs came when they did.

"Lawrence shut them down, which we needed, because their pitcher kept them close and in the game. We got four in our last at bat, which we needed

because they ended up getting two back."

The loss dropped SM from a tie for second with EC into a tie for third with Albany and St. Joe. With games looming at Albany on Wednesday, and hosting St. Joe Thursday, EC may land in a four-way tie for third prior to the showdown at home with Encinal which will end the regular season on Friday.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Abel.

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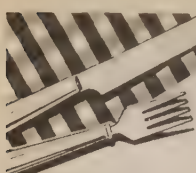
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Paul Winans

As I write this I am listening to music. It is very beautiful and complicated.

How can it ever exist? Many musicians are playing together at different times. They are all playing slightly different but complementary music. It all seems effortless and effortless. To simply comprehend this being done almost mind-boggling and yet it is happening.

When listening to such a wonderful piece of music I am often reminded of remodeling projects. You are probably now thinking, "What is this man talking about? There is no similarity between music of any kind and remodeling. This makes no sense!" Let's take a look at how music and remodeling might be similar.

Vision
Beautiful music starts with a vision on the part of the composer. Without that occurring there is no way that the music could ever exist. The composer is the one who translates that vision into

Projects are sweet music to my ears

something that can be realized, into a system of notation that allows the ideas to be communicated to those who will make it live.

A good remodeling project starts with someone's dream, someone's idea. Before that it never existed. Usually this process starts with the client. The client might recognize a need that should be addressed or the opportunity to make a given situation better.

Collaboration

Unlike the many music creation processes the client is not usually the composer working alone. The composer in a remodeling project is typically the client and someone the client feels can help "compose" the plan.

This might be an architect or a general contractor. You might say that the client and his trusted friend work together the way a song writer and a lyricist do, like Rodgers and Hammerstein did.

The beauty of the process is that the collaboration produces a plan that is better than if either person attempted to do it by himself.

Pre-performance planning

When the music is composed it doesn't really live until it is performed. But, before it is presented to the world, there are usually rehearsals. The time is taken to make sure it is right, it is as good as it can be. Different musicians might be considered, it being recognized that different musicians all have different talent levels.

When a general contractor is responding to a project plan the same activities take place. Is the plan as good as it can be? What does the electrician have to say about the electrical layout? Does the plumber think it will be possible to plumb the sink in the location that has been chosen?

Who is the best supplier for the windows that have been specified? How will it be best to sequence the work? Does the site permit storing all the materials before the job starts or will they have to be stored elsewhere? And so on.

Much thought is given by the builder to how to make the plan come to life before the project starts. Once the job starts there

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Christmas came early



Templeton Company Residential Realtors, Chicago Title Company and The College Preparatory School (CPS) united on April 25 to provide "Christmas in April" for a Berkeley senior citizen. "House Captain" local contractor Mitch Hammond and "First Mate" CPS senior Nancy Kukulian directed the efforts of student and adult volunteers.

The volunteer crew spent the day cleaning, repairing and painting a central Berkeley home for its grateful owner. Improvements included the installation of a wheelchair ramp and a new shower as well as plumbing and electrical repairs.

CPS volunteers included students Nancy Kukulian, Elizabeth Battin, Monica Chambers, Jonathan Edwards, Ryan Kawamoto, Daniel

Lazzareschi, Seph Petta, Sylvie Petta and faculty advisor Cynthia Geddes. The students worked closely with the local Christmas in April Safe Home Project to plan and execute work for the home they sponsored.

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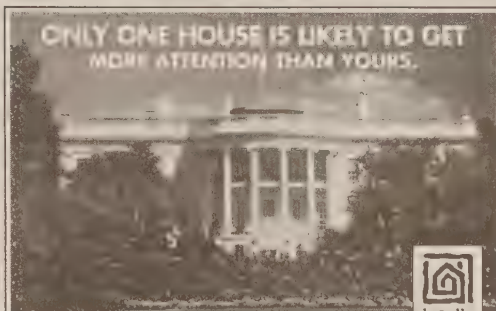
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to rework the plan without much cost and aggravation.

The performance

Opening night arrives. No more rehearsal is possible. This is it. It is time to perform.

The musicians will know how good the piece and their performance were when they finish playing and when they read the reviews in the newspapers tomorrow.

With a building project the big day to commence arrives also. Now is the time when everybody involved will be given the chance to see if all the choices have been made as well as they wanted them to be.

Will the plan work? Will the general contractor be done on time and in budget, with the project quality being as good as what was promised? Will the client's needs that make doing the project seem necessary all be met?

No one will really know until it is all finished.

Post-performance analysis

With a building project reviews do come before the project is completely done. This is because the project is days or weeks long with many rests and pauses. All parties involved are constantly checking to see that all the different parts are in harmony.

Unfortunately, a bad musical can close on the road while still in previews but a project which is going badly must get done. This is where the comparison between a piece of music and a construction project does not hold up.

However, when the music is beautiful the feeling one gets listening to it is very similar to that engendered by the remodeling project that is well-planned and executed with care and attention to detail. On that happy note I wish you the best of luck in creating beautiful music as you remodel!

Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978. He can be reached at 653-7288.

SMART MONEY



LEILA GOUGH

The social security clock is ticking, and pretty soon every social security recipient will be receiving their checks the new-fashioned way -- electronically. In connection with this payment transition, you will be asked to determine where you would like your checks deposited. But before you automatically choose your passbook savings account, consider how that choice can affect you in the future.

As quick background, the federal government began distributing federal entitlements, such as social security, to new recipients via electronic funds transfer in July of 1996. By Jan. 1, 1999, all recipients of social security and other federal payments -- regardless of when they started receiving those payments -- will have them deposited directly into a bank or brokerage account.

So where will that check go

With direct deposit, you authorize your bank or brokerage firm to receive electronic payments from the federal government, which are then credited to your account. Most types of accounts can accept direct deposits from the government.

Since these checks will be automatically deposited into an account of your choice, now is a good time to ask yourself what you really do with those checks. Do you use them for income? Or do you use the money for investment purposes?

If you invest, you may want to consider the ways in which you are investing that money, and if those ways may be limiting how hard that money works for you. For instance, the recent average annual return of a bank money market account is 2.55 percent, according to Bank Rate Monitor.

If you instead directed money into investments such as conservative income stocks or municipal bonds, you could see a significant difference in the amount you can accumulate.

As a simple example, let's say you receive \$9,000 annually in social security payments. If you put

that money in a bank money market account earning 2.55 percent annually, you could accumulate about \$166,106 after 15 years. However, if you took that same money and invested it in stocks with a 7 percent average annual return, you could accumulate nearly \$242,000 after 15 years, or a 46 percent difference in your money's return potential. This is only an illustration. Keep in mind that unlike money market accounts, stocks and bonds are not FDIC-insured and their principal values will fluctuate with market conditions. However, this illustration gives you an idea of how your investment choices can greatly affect how much you can accumulate for future needs.

Many investors already use a systematic investing program, such as dollar cost averaging, as part of their overall investment strategy.

Should you choose to deposit social security checks into your investment account, you can rest assured that the money be used to immediately purchase the investments of your choice every month.

Even if you currently receive your social security checks through the mail, you can contact the security administration and request direct deposit now before it becomes mandatory in 1999. Most bank brokerage firms do not charge direct deposit services.

Since receiving your social security checks will be made a little easier, you also may have found a more convenient way to make your investing habits a little easier.

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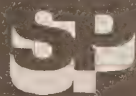
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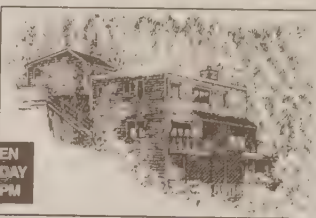
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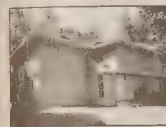
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In times like these, there are other things that count besides money. Like presentation. It's not everything, but it's a lot. Then, of course, it's how

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An offer is kind of like a recipe. Each ingredient is important. But the way it comes together is what sets it apart. And that brings us to a last, not-too-

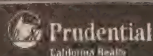


talked-about ingredient called "creati"... well, you can fill in the blanks. Just because a house is a box doesn't mean you can't think outside it.

So let's see now, if you really want your offer to stand out, who are you going to call?



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Elizabethan country manor graces "Gilded Uplands"

By Mark A. Wilson

Piedmont's "Gilded Uplands"—the rolling hills between Seaview Avenue and La Salle Avenue—contain some of the finest examples of Period Revival estates in the entire East Bay. The architecturally distinguished homes here are built on an impressive scale, and they occupy spacious lots with sophisticated landscaping.

The Elizabethan-style manor house at number 45 Glen Alpine Road in Upper Piedmont is one of the East Bay's finest examples of a Period Revival mansion. It is currently being offered for sale by The Grubb Company of Oakland.

This elegant example of a late-16th-century Elizabethan country manor was built about 1920, according to the county assessor's records.

The earliest known owners of the property were Harry and Marjorie Fair. Harry Fair was the founder of the Caterpillar Tractor Company. Marjorie Fair was an avid supporter of Ducks Unlimited, a national nonprofit group dedicated to preserving the natural habitat of ducks. In its early years, this house

was used as the farmhouse for a dairy farm.

Don Grubb, Sr. recalls that when he first visited the house some years later, it was then surrounded by seven acres of grounds that were used by the Fair Family and their guests for duck hunting parties. "The house had booths upstairs for the duck hunters," Don Grubb says, "where they could all prepare for the hunt. On the ground level was an area for the cleaning and preparation of the ducks, and the care of the dogs."

After Marjorie Fair died about 1968, her will deeded the property to Ducks Unlimited, who owned it jointly with Stanford University for about one year.

Then a developer named Mildred Zenor bought it, and Don Grubb Sr. helped her divide and sell off the bulk of the property in one acre parcels for use as residential lots.

Today, 45 Glen Alpine sits on a one-acre site bounded by a cast iron fence. The entrance to the property is through a set of curved metal gates supported by brick pillars. The long, two-story facade of the house is quite impressive, with four prominent gables along the roof-

Upon entering the house, one feels transported to an earlier era of Old World elegance.

line, each decorated by a barge board like Elizabethan homes had.

The entryway is covered by a massive gabled porch, which has its own barge board, a Gothic archway in front, and a tall wooden finial above. A wide, overhanging cornice line above the first story is lined with brackets. The entire second story of the facade is half-timbered, a feature found on most late-16th-century English manor houses.

The interior of 45 Glen Alpine has 7,816 square feet of living area, with a total of 17 rooms. There are nine bedrooms and seven full baths on the two main levels, and a wine cellar that has a storage capacity of 220 cases.

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Mediterranean Estate situated on almost all level 1+ acre. Built 16 years ago, features 4BD/4.5BA. Gourmet kitchen. Private!

Donna Conroy



STUNNING ESTATE.....\$1,500,000
Spectacular contemporary on almost 2 acres overlooking the greater Bay Area. Amenities include 5BD/6 full baths, privacy, pool, 4-car garage. Fabulous for entertaining.

George Karsant



ROCKRIDGE - NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$839,000
Fine Craftsman w/sweeping Bay View! Rich wood trim and fine Cherry cabinetry. Gourmet kitchen adjoining family room. Sun-filled living room and formal dining. 5BD/4BA including generous master suite w/own balcony.

Ruby Ng/Karen Lum



WATERFRONT HOME....\$1,200,000
Elegant French Mediterranean arch designed on Bay/with SF/Bridge views! 4BD/4BA, gourmet kitchen, hand wrought details.

Pat Whittingslow



PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$829,000
Large Cape Cod w/Bay view on 1/3+ acre. 4+BD/3BA, formal dining room, fireplace.

Nancy Dickey



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A home with the amenities your success demands. 7 years old, gated with 5BD/4BA, pool, sauna, guest cottage.

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Manor

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era of Old World elegance. Few houses in the United States, outside of the older mansions along the Eastern Seaboard, have such an impressive array of grand rooms. The entry hall has superb Elizabethan coffered paneling on the walls, and a geometric plastered ceiling.

To the right of the entry hall, the spacious living room has a high ceiling with massive boxed beams, a large fireplace, and three triple-lighted picture windows that look out over the curved driveway and lush lawn in the front yard. The large formal dining room is to the left of the entry hall, and has similar high ceilings with two triple-lighted picture windows.

The kitchen has been updated in recent years, and is very light and cheerful. There is a large breakfast, or eat-in area, at one end of the kitchen. A separate work area and pantry has old style glass-fronted cabinets.

Adjacent to the kitchen is a library, with glass-fronted shelves and plastered oak paneling. This room also has a marble-faced fireplace, with built-in shelving below flanking windows. A hallway runs to the right of the library, with a half bath and a "sitting room" off of it. A spiral staircase at the end of the hall leads to the second floor.

At the east end of the ground floor is a "children's wing" with

two full suites. The baths have new terra cotta tiles, and one has an old clawfoot bathtub with a metal shower ring, and a pedestal sink. The bedroom at the east end has a picture window overlooking the large tree-shaded patio in a very private back yard.

A spacious master sitting room is located in the middle of the east wing on the ground floor. It has its own fireplace, built-in shelves, and



a full bath with an Art Deco style bathtub. At the southeast corner of the ground floor is a truly huge master suite, with a large walk-in dressing closet and a very elegant bath with "tumbled tile" marble, a Jacuzzi, and a skylight.

The second story has several

rooms off a long hallway that runs the entire length of the house. At the top of the spiral staircase is an office, and there is a full bath and a half bath along the eastern end of the hallway. Near this end is a half-timbered "painting room," a useful space for pursuing arts and crafts or hobbies that were common in more sophisticated older homes in the early 1900s. Another workshop is also situated off the hallway nearby.

There are four bedrooms along this hallway, all with half-timbered walls. At the west end of the hallway is a wing that could easily be used for an au-pair. There is a spacious billiard, or gameroom, with an efficiency kitchen and a half bath near the front of this room.

Behind the house is a freestanding, half-timbered four car garage. The garage also has a legal, one bedroom apartment above the parking stalls, and has its own high-peaked central gable. Next to the garage is a pleasant patio with flagstones, a barbecue pit, and trellises to shade the picnic area.

45 Glen Alpine is offered at \$2,900,000. It is shown by appointment only through the listing agent, Sandra Vogl of the Grubb Company. She can be reached at her office phone number, 339-0400 during normal business hours. Or one can leave her a message on her voice mail, at 339-0404, extension 216.



The Elizabethan-style manor house at number 45 Glen Alpine Road in Upper Piedmont is one of the East Bay's finest examples of a Period Revival mansion.

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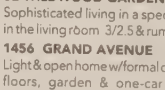
165 WOODLAND WAY



NEW LISTING \$650,000

English style and tradition in a wonderful neighborhood. Lovely home w/4 bedrooms/1.5 baths. Tremendous landscaping potential. MINDY SCOTT

62 WILDWOOD GARDENS

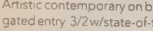


NEW LISTING \$669,000

Sophisticated living in a special neighborhood. High ceilings in the living room. 3/2.5 w/rumpus w/fireplace. MINDY SCOTT

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2034 ASILOMAR DRIVE



NEW LISTING \$610,000

Artistic contemporary on beautiful, park-like setting w/level-in gated entry 3/2 w/state-of-the-art kitchen. JUDY RANKANKAN

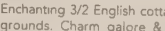
4300 FRUITVALE



NEW LISTING \$599,000

Charming Victorian farmhouse w/sweeping Bay views. Almost 1/2 acre of level landscaped grounds. Spacious formal rooms, huge country kitchen & wrap-around porch. 5/3. BETTINA BALESTRIERI

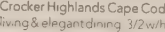
6024 CHELTON DRIVE



NEW LISTING \$359,000

Enchanting 3/2 English cottage surrounded by landscaped grounds. Charm galore & wonderful details. ED KUO

711 CARLSTON AVENUE



NEW PRICE \$349,000

Crocker Highlands Cape Cod w/lovely courtyard entry, formal living & elegant dining. 3/2 w/hardwood floors. AMES GARCIA

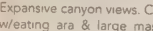
4320 ATLAS AVENUE



\$325,000

Redwood Heights traditional Well-maintained w/extra space. Large family room w/fireplace, bonus room & patio. 5/3. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

13606 CAMPUS DRIVE



NEW PRICE \$399,000

Expansive canyon views. Cozy family room, spacious kitchen w/eating area & large master suite. SHERRY BENNINGER

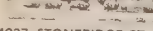
455 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD



\$399,000

Newer Montclair home. Level inside & out. Very spacious with comfortable family room off eat-in kit. Luxurious spa. ED KUO

4927 STONERIDGE CT



NEW LISTING \$369,000

Attractive landscaped grounds & deck. Spacious family room, modern eat-in kit & formal dining room. 3/2.5. S. BENNINGER

5531 MERRIWOOD DR



NEW LISTING \$299,000

Completely remodeled Montclair cottage. Flexible floor plan w/hardwood floors throughout & lots of natural light. Wonderful kitchen, home office & 3/2. Private setting. KURT BUCHHOLZ

705 SANTA RAY



\$274,000

Cute, spacious Crocker Highlands contemporary with updated interior. 4/2, rumpus, canyon view and huge yard. In-law potential. JOHN KARNAY

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GLEN ALPINE



NEW LISTING

Historical French Country Estate on a level site. Elegant formal rooms, European library & luxurious master suite w/dual baths. 10+/- & guest house. S. VOGL

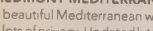
PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN



\$1,965,000

A beautiful Mediterranean w/dramatic architectural detailing & lots of privacy. Updated kitchen & 6 bdrms. ANIAN TUNNEY

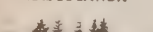
CENTRAL LOCATION



\$995,000

Clarence Mayhew designed home set on 2/3 of an acre. Veranda off dining room overlooks the beautiful surroundings. 6/4.5, rumpus & wine cellar. Wonderful details. JEAN SIMMONS

GORGEOUS VIEWS



NEW LISTING

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OAK TREE SETTING



\$795,000

Sophisticated in design, comfort in style. Fabulous grounds & patio. Wonderful indoor/outdoor living. 4/4. M. SCHWARTZ

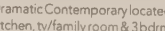
CLOSE TO SCHOOLS



\$745,000

Beautifully designed and maintained. Large family room w/built ins. 4/2.5 level out to garden. JEAN SIMMONS

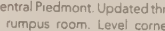
DRAMATIC CONTEMPORARY



\$744,000

Dramatic Contemporary located in a private setting. Wonderful kitchen, tv/family room & 3 bdrms/3 baths. JEANETTE ROACH

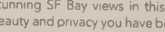
JUST LISTED!



\$735,000

Central Piedmont. Updated throughout. 3 bedrooms/2 baths & rumpus room. Level corner location. DEBRA DRYDEN

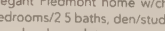
RARE PENTHOUSE LIVING



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Stunning SF Bay views in this nearly new home. Enjoy the beauty and privacy you have been searching for. A. TUNNEY

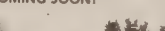
PIEDMONT NEW LISTING



\$519,000

Elegant Piedmont home w/charming patio and garden. 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths, den/study and hardwood floors. Close to schools and transportation. ELIZABETH DICKSON

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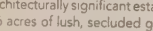


\$379,000

Delightful Mediterranean with enchanting gardens. Bright, updated kitchen & formal rooms. 2/2. Great neighborhood close to schools & transportation. SANDRA VOGL

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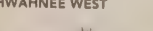
ORINDA PARADISE



\$2,850,000

Architecturally significant estate offers a luxurious lifestyle on 1.6 acres of lush, secluded gardens with tennis court, pool, gym & sep guest cottage. J. ROACH/N. ROTHMAN

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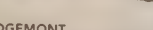
RIDGEMONT



NEW LISTING \$619,000

Fabulous 4/3 home with breathtaking canyon views and exquisite grounds. Modern kitchen & family room. SHERRY BENNINGER

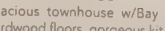
PARKRIDGE ESTATES



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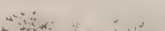
HILLER HIGHLANDS



\$439,000

Spacious townhouse w/Bay views & custom upgrades. Hardwood floors, gorgeous kit & master ste w/rplc. S. PAUL

PIEDMONT PINES



\$399,000

A meticulously maintained home w/lovely views from most rooms. 3/2 including a private master suite. Hardwood floors and an abundance of natural light. KURT BUCHHOLZ

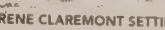
SERENE CLAREMONT SETTING



\$399,000

New construction w/hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters & master w/rplc. 3/2.5, level-in. K. BUCHHOLZ

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6638 LONGWALK DR.
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Charming, spacious 1979 brown shingle in quiet wooded setting. 4BR, 2BA, 2 fireplaces, wonderful neighborhood. Kate Meadow ext. 288

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\$389,000
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GRAND LAKE \$449,000
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We've been clearing out a house, getting it ready to sell, the house that belonged to a dear friend who died earlier this year. The woman in charge of the estate lives a distance away and could not handle everything herself. It seemed to us that our friend's belongings should be gone through lovingly, with respect, and so we volunteered.

We do miss "Lily." She used to come by the office and chat about life with us. She'd ask how we were, want to know what was up with the kids, and how business was going. "You're busy. That's good," she'd say. We laughed a lot when we were together. Once she gleefully brought us the translation of a bookstore sign she'd seen while visiting Greece: Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

Anet found this so funny that, asking Lily to repeat it, she printed it out and hung it over her desk. I've kept on my desk a postcard we got from Lily; she'd read the column about Anet and the power washer. She wrote that she had laughed all the way through it, that she could "just see" how much fun we'd had that day.

It was about five years ago that

Bidding a fond adieu to Lily

we first met Lily. Referred by a mutual friend, she wanted to sell the condo she was living in and buy a house. She had lost her home and everything in it during the Oakland fire. Needing someplace to go, she'd bought a condo in Berkeley, a rational decision at the time. But, she

Books for learning languages were abundant. A few were on Spanish and Italian; most were Greek. We knew, of course, that her heritage was Greek and that she had been to Greece, but we were not aware of her interest in many other countries, nor did we know that she

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told us, she had come to realize that condo living wasn't for her.

During the time it took to find her a house and to sell her condo, we became fast friends. We thought we knew Lily, what she was about, quite well. Cleaning out her house provided us details we had never known and these broadened and strengthened our caring for her. In thinking over the time we spent together, I now see that she concentrated, not on herself, but on us. She never mentioned a number of her life passions.

Poetry, for example. In Lily's house were hundreds of books, all neatly categorized. There was a bountiful poetry section, all kinds of poetry with numerous marked passages, her favorites, we assume. Lily had never talked to us about poetry.

was studying languages. Judging from the quantity of Greek language materials alone, she was a serious student.

We weren't surprised to find gardening books, a number of wild flower and birding guides. But we were interested to see how many reference books were in her collection; all kinds of encyclopedias, almanacs, maps, dictionaries. There must have been eight Greek dictionaries alone, also half a dozen dictionaries of the classics.

It became obvious too that Lily loved music, something else we hadn't known. Her music collection was large and there were as many as a dozen radios, tape and CD players in her house.

As we packed things up to give

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Celebrating Earth Day: planting for the future



Sales Associates from Prudential California's El Cerrito office celebrated Earth Day Sat., April 18 in El Cerrito by helping to plant Golden Oaks along San Pablo Avenue. Pictured here (from left to right) in the back row are Mary Lou Loomis, Marianne DeSilva and Arnold Baranco II. Middle row: Louisa Reesor, Marcia J. Schwartz, office manager and Waucarra Lewallen. Kneeling are Vera Shadi and James Alward. The El Cerrito office is located at 10240 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito.

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Will merger increase redlining?

By H. W. Moss

The megamerger between San Francisco-based BankAmerica and North Carolina's NationsBank doesn't sit well with advocates of credit availability.

California is composed of a diverse community of people who often do not fit standard banking criteria. Credit must be extended fairly to meet their needs.

Redlining, the practice of identifying specific areas within a community where banks refuse to make loans, is virtually a thing of the past due, in part, to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) of 1977. But it was difficult to prove institutions were not making auto loans, issuing credit cards or offering home purchase and home improvement loans to the surrounding community.

In 1990 with the implementation of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (FIRREA), commonly known as the savings and loan bailout, the CRA gained a new lease on life.

Every individual who fills out an application for a loan is identified as to ethnicity, gender, income level and census tract. Lending institutions have been collecting this information on the bottom of loan applications as required by the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), Regulation Z of the Federal Reserve Board, since 1975. Statistics are compiled regarding all applications including those that were withdrawn, approved but not accepted, declined or closed as incomplete.

With the implementation of the savings and loan bailout, lenders were required to make public the information they gathered. It is now possible to track what a lender is doing within a census tract and community advocacy groups use the CRA rating system to block mergers and acquisitions.

Most lenders responded positively to the rating system and have gone out of their way to extend credit in their communities. One of the great success stories is BankAmerica, whose CRA loans have made a profit.

The Community Development Bank is a separate bank within BankAmerica. Unique within the banking industry, it is a separate corporate entity founded in 1989 with a staff of 80 on the housing side and

200 on small business side, according to its president, Mike Mantle.

"It has a two-part mission," said Mantle. "To provide affordable housing and small business lending." The Community Development Bank does this by focusing on low income home loans, affordable rental housing and small business loans. Last October BankAmerica made a 10-year commitment of \$140 billion to make these types of consumer loans.

The foundation is the grant-making arm of the Community Development Bank. It makes grants to non-profit organizations in many communities throughout the state. The fear is that the availability of funds to credit-challenged Californians will change for the worse when BankAmerica corporate headquarters moves out of state.

"Credit extended can't be predatory," said Alan Fisher, executive director of the California Reinvestment Committee (CRC). "It can't take advantage of people with high interest rates and it must be done in a way that actually works for people in that particular area and is not generic."

There is no problem at the moment, according to Fisher, and Bank of America has an excellent track record. The same cannot be said for NationsBank, however, and there may well be a problem when the merger is complete.

"Bank of America has a better lending record to African Americans and low income people in North Carolina than NationsBank," according to Fisher.

He said the way to combat this is to have local decision making in California. "But it's not going to happen automatically," said Fisher. "Unless Californians come together, they won't make it happen." Fisher said his organization fears that those who do not have perfect credit will be unable to get a conventional loan and will have to turn to finance companies. He also said a "cookie-cutter" approach to making loans does not work for everyone.

"There may be a lack of cultural understanding," Fisher suggested. "The extended family shares a house and they all pay, but the bank only recognizes the one person who applies and won't recognize the others."

Fisher's said the CRC is concerned

enough that they have requested Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan hold public hearings on the merger. "It's certainly not the structure that now exists at NationsBank and that's all we have to go on," Fisher said. "They will be run by NationsBank so the process they will be using will be that of NationsBank, not Bank of America as we know it."

A spokesperson at BankAmerica defended the merger and said that community investment will continue. "We bring a very strong commitment to community reinvestment," said Cary Walker with BankAmerica in Los Angeles. "Both companies have consistently earned outstanding CRA ratings. Both have demonstrated the ability to meet the needs of low income and minority borrowers."

Walker said the merger will not effect the \$140 billion earmarked for community lending. "The new bank will honor this commitment and continue to explore lending and investment initiatives that build economic opportunity in the communities where we do business," he said. "We have said that about half of that \$140 will be directed to California."

Activists have successfully used CRA performance standards to threaten to block a merger or acquisition. Generally, institutions prefer to hammer out an agreement rather than try and surmount legal hurdles.

"They haven't filed for approval from regulators so it's not a done deal," said Fisher. "If they don't make a commitment in California, we intend to stand in their way as much as we can, throw our bodies on the tracks."

The merger must be accepted by shareholders of both companies and federal regulators. The merger is expected to close in the fall.

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Unscrupulous contractors come on heels of El Niño

As El Niño-related storms come to a close and spring approaches, thousands of Californians will be involved in home improvement projects. Whether it's repairing and rebuilding storm-damaged homes, or planning spring remodeling projects, the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) wants homeowners to be informed as they enter into contracting relationships.

"Natural disasters such as those related to El Niño, present an ideal time for unlicensed contractors to take advantage of uninformed consumers by offering too-good-to-be-true prices on materials and labor or expedited service," said Dr. C. Lance Barnett, CSLB Registrar. "Remember to hire only licensed contractors and do not rush into making important, costly decisions."

According to California law, any construction project priced over \$300 in total labor and materials requires a contractor to be licensed in the trade or occupation of the work being done.

Dr. Barnett urges consumers to be aware of the following "red flags" when hiring a contractor this spring.

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- The contractor who says he or she needs a big down payment to buy materials.
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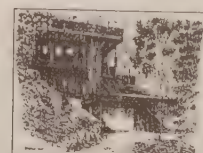
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the
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by Buzz Bertolero

We have a gopher problem to the least. For five years I have everything. I bought Cherry worms from Chinatown, but it was just disturbing to our neighbors and only a temporary fix. Gopher baits are effective where you can get them. The poison bait is very effective and they realize what they are and are pushing them out of the hole. I have an electronic sounding device that seems to work but only in a small area. What can you suggest that will give me permanent results?

A: I do not know of any permanent remedies for gophers. It is all a matter of trial and error. Your problem may be in the placement of the controls.

The mistake that many gardeners make is that they place the products in the exit tunnel that leads to the surface.

You must locate the main tunnel or run, found from four to 18 inches below the surface, paralleling the ground. Here is where the bait, traps, etc. are the most effective. Also, when handling gopher controls, wear gloves so that you don't mark the controls with human scent. Gophers live an average of 12 years and have one litter per year with five offspring. If you back up against open space, controlling the gophers will be even more of a challenge.

Q: I'm getting a weed in my lawn that looks like clover. How can I get rid of it without killing my lawn? It is in small patches and I have been pulling them out, but it has begun to spread.

A: There are two types of clover that invade lawns, ones with white flowers and the others with yellow. White clover is easy to control with

any of the many broadleaf herbicides or Weed and Feed turf products. I think you have the yellow clover also called Oxalis.

Oxalis is very aggressive and spreads by underground stem and seeds. You will need to reseed the bare spots in your lawn, so I would hold off the control methods until January.

To kill the dormant seed, I would apply Bandini Pre-Spot One in January. The actively growing Oxalis is effectively killed in the spring with a Weed and Feed fertilizer containing Trimec. In the summer and fall, these products do a poor job of controlling Oxalis as only the foliage is burned back.

Q: Is there a product available to sterilize soil? I have a lathe house and a green house in which I grow orchids. Both of them become havens from weeds and grasses which are a nuisance to clean out and keep out. In the past I used Simazine, but I haven't

seen it anywhere for a number of years. Also, I have a couple of fountains around which weeds and grasses grow abundantly because of the oversplash of water. I have used Round-Up, but I am afraid of hitting nearby plants with it. I'd rather prevent the stuff from growing in the first place.

A: There are no soil fumigants available to home gardeners, and Simazine is only available for agricultural use. In those areas where you have unwanted vegetation, I would spray the combination of Round-Up and Surflan.

Surflan is a pre-emergent herbicide that will kill the dormant seed before it germinates. Also, Surflan can be sprayed right over the top of desirable plants without any damage. I would protect desirable plants from the spray drift from Round-Up by using a cardboard plant shield. Round-Up is leaf absorbed and is not picked up by the roots.

Q: I have 60, 4 and a half inch

potted poinsettias. I would like to know how to keep them until next year. It may be easier to buy new each year but I would like to try at least for one year.

A: Poinsettias are easy to grow as a pot plant as long as they are protected from frost. I would transplant the 4" plants into six inch containers or if you have large containers you may combine several plants together.

They like a sunny location but when the temperatures get over 80 degrees give them some shade during the heat of the day. I would feed the plants Fish Emulsion monthly until August.

You could use the time release fertilizer called Osmocote where one application is all that is necessary. To force lateral branching and a compact plant pinch the plants every six-eight weeks from March thru September.

This should be done just before a fertilization. Now the tricky part of growing poinsettias is getting them to bloom. The Poinsettia flowers are the

Locate the main tunnel or run, found from four to 18 inches below the surface.

red, yellow, and/or greenish structure in the center of the showy part that we call the bloom. The showy part are modified leaves called bracts that turn color when the days get short.

They need 12-14 hours of darkness for six weeks for this to occur. Because of the indirect light from street lights and florescent lights you should cover the plants at dinner time with a sealed box and uncover them at breakfast. I would start the short day treatment in October.

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Mortgage brokers and loan originators occasionally have the opportunity to counsel our previous clients and others who face foreclosure. At a recent seminar, Michael Drawdy, Vice President of Loss Mitigation at Werchaeuser provided

The first thing a lender wants is to try to keep you in your home, so they are particularly helpful in 'hardship' situations. Some common examples are unemployment, large medical expenses and divorce. However, declining property

Declining property value is not regarded as a hardship and lenders will not accept a property back merely because it has gone down in value.

several suggestions to help homeowners who have fallen behind in their mortgage payments and could be in danger of foreclosure.

Get and keep in touch

First and foremost, contact your lender the moment you know that you will not be able to make your monthly mortgage payment. Communication is the key. Keep your lender informed about your situation and don't be afraid to talk candidly with your lender.

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A loss mitigation counselor could offer various options. The most popular are payment plans, modifications of your loan or a "short sale." However, each loan type (FHA, VA, Conventional) has different requirements and not all programs are available to everyone.

Consider short sale

You may want to consider a

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'short sale'. In California, where we have suffered through periods of declining property values, short sales are popular. In a short sale, the lender allows you to sell your property for less than what is owed. This saves time and money and usually allows you to remain in the home for several months.

While your situation is being evaluated, offer to make some payment. For example, if you make a payment of half the monthly amount due over four months, you would only be two payments behind.

Be cautious. Don't be swayed by companies offering to take over your loan for a fee. Most lenders can do the same thing for little or no fee.

Get professional help

Find an appropriate Realtor. In this circumstance it is best to select

a real estate agent experienced in short sales. They know what to expect and often are willing to cut their commission to help close a deal. Properties should be listed at market value, not an amount to cover the total payoff to the lender.

If you have assets, expect to share in the loss with the lender. The amount of assets to be shared is negotiable. According to Mr. Drawdy, you should expect to fill out forms similar to a loan application when you apply for most types of loss mitigation.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached 339-8511, fax 339-3814, e-mail at ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.

Fixed rates on rise key ARM index fall

In the May 7 Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.14 percent, with fees and points averaging 1.1 percent. This bellwether rate is down 8 basis points from last week when it averaged 7.22 percent.

In the first week of May 1998, the 30-year fixed averaged 7.94 percent.

The start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.65 percent with fees averaging 1.1 percent, down 4 basis points from last week's average of 5.69 percent. This time last year this start rate averaged 5.82 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, fell 7 basis points to 6.78 percent from last week's average of 6.85 percent. Fees and points averaged 1 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed averaged 7.47 percent.

"When the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) deflator and the employment figures released last week indicated that inflation remained under control, interest rates began to ease," said Freddie Mac deputy chief economist Frank Nothaft.

"This is why we'll see lower mortgage interest rates this week. Next week's Primary Mortgage Market Survey results will be influ-

enced in large part by April employment figures, which were released May 8."

Freddie Mac is a stock-owned corporation chartered in Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities.

In this way Freddie Mac provides a stable mortgage credit system that reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers.

Over the years, Freddie Mac opened the doors for one to home buyers and two millioners in America.

More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company Web site, www.freddie.com.

Updates on the latest Freddie Mac averages are available Thursday after noon. Call toll-free 888-780-2060 for updates.

On Apr. 30 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds (COFI) for May 1998 payment at 4.917 percent down from the percent that was in effect for May 1998 payments.

The COFI is the index used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgage

Tarpoff

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to charity, we found quantities of art supplies: charcoal, water colors and acrylics, piles of sketch pads, all sorts of pens and inks for executing calligraphy. Was Lily an artist? We don't know. But she had stowed away extras of everything, clean and new, at hand when she needed them.

There was also a rather amazing stash of office goods: boxes and boxes of stationery and note cards, a large quantity of envelopes - padded ones, regular and air mail - in all

sizes. Pens, pencils, glue sticks, scratch paper and Post-its, carbon paper, scissors and all.

"Wow," we said, "Lily was super organized. She obviously wanted to be sure she always had extras in reserve." Did this have to do with losing everything in the fire, we wondered, and we called out to her, wishing we could tease directly, "Lily, did you ever buy only one of anything?"

We found that this putting away of extras extended to most everything she owned. There were boxes and boxes of new candles, picnic ware, string and every type of glue

and tape. Dishes, glassware, pots, pans, and knives. Tools, too; multiples of every hand and power tool; nails, screws, molly bolts, screening, and on and on.

She had no children or pets of her own but we discovered toys, tennis balls, and dog treats. When we saw them we remembered her telling us that it's important to have something to give dogs and kids who come to visit.

Every item in the house and garage was assigned its own spot and all were sorted, labeled and contained. Others hung on nails in designated work areas: measuring cups, cooking implements, vegetable brushes and cutting boards in the kitchen; hammers, brooms, garden shears, rags, screwdrivers and the like in the garage.

Especially at first, we grieved as we worked. It was hard to be there without Lily. We wanted to talk to her again, ask her questions now that we had new knowledge

of her. We had gone through this once before when we dismantled my mother's house after she died. We were familiar with sweet discoveries, questions without answers.

And, because we had gone through it before, we knew that the process of packing and sorting, talking about Lily as we worked, would provide us healing. We were getting to know Lily better by what she owned and loved.

Lily was a passionate, humor-filled woman, interested and curious, versatile and independent. We saw and handled the details, the evidence of all of these parts of her being. To a degree we might never have known, we are most grateful to have been Lily's friends.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

Home compost bin sale

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority announces a Home Compost Bin One-Day Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., May 16 at the Rite-Aid/Payless, 3848 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley and at the Wal-Mart, 30600 Dyer St., Union City.

Alameda County residents will be able to choose from three varieties

of bins: the Home Composter for \$17, the Worm Factory for \$25 and the Biostack for \$38. Bring identification to prove Alameda County residency.

Discounted bins are limited to one bin and one worm bin per household. Second bins are available for a higher price. For more information call 444-SOIL.

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EVENTS

The Events Calendar does not profit for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-4047. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The University of California's Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Ave. in Berkeley presents Pamela Pierce, author of *Golden Gate Gardening*, 7 p.m., Thurs., May 14. A native gardener with extensive experience, Pierce will present ideas on planning your garden. She will be signing copies of her newly revised book at the presentation. Call 339-2755 for more information.

Join author Mark Wilson as he leads a **Tour of Berkeley's Thousand Oaks Neighborhood**, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Sat., May 16. Prominent architects commissioned architects Julia Morgan, John Hudson Thomas and Bernard Maybeck to design the neighborhood's grand homes. Cost is \$19. Call 234-4834 to reserve a space.

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The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., May 16, the center presents **Earthquake Retrofitting** with the movers and shakers engineer Tony DeMascole and contractor Jim Gillett, **Kitchen Design**, with independent kitchen and bath designer Beverly Wilson and **Faux Finish: Surface Treatment** a hands-on workshop with Christied Jones of Faux Works. On Sun., May 17, wallpaper hanger Stan Grabowski presents **How to**

Hang Wallpaper Like a Pro, all around handyman Jim Rosenau will teach **Stucco Repair: Hands-On** and contractor-engineer David Shevick of the Solar Company will lead a **Solar Homes Seminar**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information about its schedule of classes.

Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS), 519 17th St. in Oakland, provides a series of free and low-cost small-business developmental workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. A **Score Pre-Business Workshop** and an **Enhanced Enterprise Community Revolving Loan Fund Orientation** are on tap Thurs., May 14. On Tues., May 19 OSCS presents the free workshop **Understanding Financial Statements** and on Wed., May 20, **Business Planning for Success** in on tap. Don't miss **SCORE's Import-Export Workshop** on Thurs., May 21. Call 273-6000 to reserve space or to receive information about other seminars.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization in Oakland has a series of free workshops. **I Hate to Budget**, a money-management workshop that covers goal setting and money-management techniques is scheduled for Mon., May 18 in

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The Women's Council of Realtors (WCR) invites you to its annual **Day at the Races** on Wed., May 20 at Golden Gate Fields. Gates open at 11:30, races start at noon. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Lee Jacobson, Pacific Union call 339 6460.

Catherine Teegarden of Diablo Funding Group presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., May 28 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy property needing work for 5 percent down. Nonprofits can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Alternative loans to replace 203(k)s - for investors are also discussed. Realtors, homebuyers, nonprofit organizations and investors are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 339-1612 ext. 7 for reservations and information.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Basic Composting Workshop**, 10 a.m. to noon, Sat., May 30 (rain or shine) at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden@uclink4.berkeley.edu for more information.

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The **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A plant sale is featured before the meeting affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidiums. These meetings feature expert growers from around world with their slides and valuable tips for growing cymbidiums. Attend this meeting and learn how to grow and bloom these beautiful plants. Call 531-1210 for more information.

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$386,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$212,800

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$141,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$156,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$148,500

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TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$135,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$589,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$373,222

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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$242,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$181,800

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$140,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$118,000

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$257,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$460,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$358,750

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TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$445,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$192,840

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 2

LOWEST PRICE: \$507,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,133,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$820,500

RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$215,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$137,000

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$248,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,500

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\$138,000 2824 ATWELL. One-level bungalow with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2-car attached garage. Call Tom Young 814-4841

\$139,500 6470 MacARTHUR. Two townhouse-style units in good condition! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Close to Mills College. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

\$189,000 912 E. 15th. Two - 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Call Tom Young 814-4828

\$239,500 3245 FLORIDA. A 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Laurel District home with hardwood floors, formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen with tile floor, basement room, patio room with fireplace and garage! Russ Grant 814-4713

\$245,000 4949 CORONADO. A 2-unit fixer-upper in a great location! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. To be sold "as is." Donn Gutierrez 814-4854

\$299,900 3460 REVERE. PRICED REDUCED! You can see it all Bay Area view, 1-level, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, master suite with office, family room combo. Margaret Lomba 521-7193

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\$439,000 1910 SAN ANTONIO. Custom 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with detached office, French doors & willow, stone patio off living room and a secluded private level backyard. Tere Lee 521-3352

San Leandro
\$182,000 14165 SEAGATE. 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA condo in a great location, all appliances, community pool, spa and tennis court. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$185,500 14315 SEAGATE. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath end unit condo with many upgrades! Community pool, spa and tennis court. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$195,000 13402 AURORA DR. OPEN SUN. 2-4:30. Just listed! Mullford Gardens! Sharp 2 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath home located on a large corner lot. Fine features include fireplace, hardwood floors, and 2-car attached garage. Wonderful yard. Steve Cressy 814-4818

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\$117,000 39 VILLA. 3 BD, 1 1/2 BA townhome in a great location, all appliances, community pool, spa and tennis court. Tere Lee 521-3352

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El Cerrito
\$120,000 LOT 68 DEVONSHIRE. Prime lot! Breathtaking view of the Bay! Prestigious Alameda Golf Course. Steve Cressy 814-4818

Pleasanton
\$310,000 7862 OAK CREEK. Split-level 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with large kitchen & nook, formal dining, family room and dual pane windows. Sunny back yard with deck and landscaping, close to shopping, great location. Marcia McIntyre 814-4827

\$489,000 2761 SANDERLING WAY. Very large 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with 1 bedroom and full bath on main level! Large kitchen & nook, formal dining, family room and dual pane windows. Great yard with pool, waterfall & spa. Linda Soulagas 814-4843

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- 13699 SKYLINE BL**, Skyline Estates, 5/4, Gated, Pool, Guest cottage. Amenities! Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174
- 6170 MAZUELA DR**, Montclair. Gorgeous nw 5/4 w/stunning style! Kit/family rm. 3 frpl. Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460
- 6095 FAIRLANE DR**, 5bd/4.5ba. Good view. Acorn RE 381-8506 **OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**
- 5010 PROCTOR**, Rockridge, new construction. 5/4, mstr w/balcony. Gourmet kitchen. Bay Vw. Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174
- 6010 BULLARD**, Montclair, lg Cape Cod w/bay view. 1/3 acre. 4+/3. FDR, frpl. Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- 14 CHANCELLOR PL**, Pano views! Fab new 4+3 Med w/luxury mstr suite. Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopolos 339-9780
- 7020 DEVON WAY**, New Claremont Hills 5+3/5, cyn & GG views! Fenced & landscpd. Quiet cul-de-sac. Wells & Bennett David Hennigan 601-9540
- 7055 ELVERTON**, Skyline, pvt 3/2 retreat w/exceptional amenities. Bay vw, pool, party room. Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174
- 50 SCHOONER HILL**, Hiller, 3 1/2 bd/3 1/2 ba. New Listing! Elegant. 2800sf. Pano vw. Prudential CA 845-6021, Gayle Tantau 898-9409
- 736 MOUNTAIN BL**, Montclair. Nw spacious 3+3. Kit/fam rm combo. Luxury mstr suite. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 2034 ASILOMAR DR**, Montclair. Artistic 3/2 contemp, state-of-art kit. FDR, family rm. Gated entry. GRUBB Co, Judy Rankankan 339-0400
- 4300 FRUITVALE**, Oakmore, charming Victorian farmhouse w/bay views! 1/2 acre. Country kitchen. Spacious rms. Wrap-around porch. 5/3. GRUBB Co, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- 8 BINNACLE HILL**, Hiller Highlands, 3/2+ private custom end unit. SF bay vws, decks, patio. Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 62 SCHOONER HILL**, Hiller Highlands 3/3.5. Top of line amenities. Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 6102 RUTHLAND RD**, Montclair. 4bd/2+ba. Level in. FDR, gourmet kit, vault. ceilings. LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401 **SUN 2-5**
- 6638 LONGWALK DR**, 3yr old construction. 4+3/4, family rm, 3 frpl, bay vw. Must See! Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461
- 5911 OSTRANDER**, Upper Rockridge. 4bd/3ba. Gourmet kitchen. Price Reduced! Come See! Prudential CA 428-0900, Rosalie 644-5442
- 15 SAMARIA LN**, Oakland Hills 3+bd/2ba w/SF view! 9 yr old trad'l. 3300sf. Level yd. LaSalle Properties, Lois Johnson 339-8900
- 2 BINNACLE HILL**, Hiller, 3/2.5 elegant end unit. Expanded kit & DR. Fab vws. Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174
- 951 SUNNYHILLS RD**, Crocker, New Listing! 4/2.5 elegant Tudor w/FDR, frpl, patio. Prudential CA 834-2010, Dolores Thom 835-6080
- 5039 PROCTOR**, Just listed! Glorious SF view! 3bd up, family rm dwn. Storage, deck, yd. Berkeley Hills, Nancy Mueller 524-9888 **X20 SUN 2-4**
- 1463 TRESTLE GLEN**, Crocker Highlands. Beautiful 4bd/3ba plus artist studio. Gardens. Prudential CA RE, Lois Kadosh 287-9186 **SUN 2-5**
- 4248 TERRABELLA**, New construction. 5bd/3ba, 2-story. Mstr suite. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- 5835 HARBORD DR**, Reduced! Montclair 5/3 or could be 2 family or apair set-up. Wraparound deck! Gallagher & Lindsey, Don 748-1798 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- 4256 TERRABELLA WAY**, Redwood Hts, 4bd/3ba new construction. Bay vws, mstr suite. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- 6831 BUCKINGHAM**, Charming & bright. Vaulted ceilings, hardwoods. Move In! Prudential CA RE, Camille Rogers 845-0200 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- 536 MOUNTAIN BL**, Montclair. New Listing! 3/3 w/spacious floor plan. Level back yd. Family rm. Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460
- 6121 CASTLE DR**, Montclair. 4/2 w/SF bay vw. Private 1/2 acre lot, 2/1 on each level, rec rm, tile roof. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6936 ARMOUR DR**, Montclair, 5bd/3.5 ba. New Listing! Spacious contemporary classic. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- 13606 CAMPUS**, Ridgmont, contemporary on lg lot w/canyon vws. Mstr suite, family rm. The GRUBB Co, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 455 MOUNTAIN BL**, Montclair. Spacious, all level. Family rm off EIK. Lg lot/desirable area. The GRUBB Co, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 4224 WILSHIRE BL**, Mormon Temple. 4bd/3ba. Great family home w/spectacular separate office/guest getaway. Must See! Rowe Investments 839-4395
- 4973 HARBORD DR**, Upper Rockridge, 4+2 updated trad'l. Office/apair. JUST LISTED! Boomerline RE 339-3000
- 6586 ASCOT DR**, Montclair, 3bd/2b. New Listing! Private. Flat lot. View. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- 241 INVERNESS CT**, Sequoyah Highlands, 4/2 1/2 w/chef's kit, FDR, family rm. Level yd. LaSalle Properties, Tom Nemeth 339-8900
- 2919 BURDECK**, 4bd/3ba. Excellent floorplan. Come see! Prudential CA RE 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477
- 1601 ARROWHEAD**, Montclair, 3bd/2b all level contemp w/hdws. Vaulted ceilings. Serene vws. Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 5004 CRYSTAL RIDGE**, Price Reduced! 1/2 acre lot w/wildflowers in bloom! Fam rm, deck, bay vw. Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 6878 RIDGEWOOD DR**, Montclair, 3/2. New Listing! New kit. Hdws. Level yard. LaSalle Properties, Kate Castle 339-9778 **SUN 1:30-4:30**
- 4927 STONERIDGE CT**, Ridgmont 3/2.5. Landscaped. Private deck. Family rm, EIK, FDR. The GRUBB Co, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 6024 CHELTON DR**, Montclair. Enchanting 3/2 Engl. cottage. Landscpd. Charm galore. Away from street. GRUBB Co, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 11220 GOLF LINKS**, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174
- 711 CARLSTON AVE**, Crocker, 3/2 Cape Cod, family rm, courtlyd entry. Hdws, family room. The GRUBB Co, James Garcia 339-0400
- 2137 MAGELLAN DR**, New listing! 4/3 contemp. Level yd. Mstr suite. Fam room w/2nd kitchen. Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 6608 SOBRANTE**, Montclair. New Listing! Sunny 3bd. Super condition Prudential CA RE 428-0900, Vickie & Aleso 644-5411
- 4493 MONTGOMERY**, Piedmont Ave area, 2bd/2.5ba twtns w/view. New price. Move in condition! Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- 6881 SARONI DR**, Montclair. New listing! 3/2 w/parquet floors, skylites. Mstr suite & remod baths. Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460
- 4415 TERRABELLA**, Redwood Hts, 3bd/2.5 ba. Wonderful bay view! Prudential CA RE 339-9290, D. A. Hammond 889-4219
- 4383 TERRABELLA PL**, 3bd/2+ba home w/beautiful garden Prudential CA RE 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 4209 BALFOUR AVE**, Crocker 3+bd/2+ba. New kitchen. +in-law too! LaSalle Properties, Jan Neff 339-8900
- 4320 ATLAS AVE**, Redwood Hts, well maintained trad'l w/lg family rm w/frpl. Bonus rm, patio. 5/3. The GRUBB Co, Angela Garb 339-0400
- 4521 MONTGOMERY**, 2/2.5 twtn nr Rckrdge & Pied.Ave shops. EIK, hdws. Seller Motivated! Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 220 LEE ST**, Elegant 5+2+4 Tudor. Ideal loc.nr shops, EZ freeway access. Fresh paint. Hdws. Wells & Bennett, Patsy Buhler 287-5910
- 330 ELYSIAN FIELDS**, Level 3/2 w/family rm off kitchen. Level court-yd. Hdws. 2-car garage. Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174
- 4335 LEACH**, Glenview. 5bdm/2ba, completely refurbished! Xtra lg family rm, nw kitchen. Frpl. New fence. Sunrise Mortgage 452-4444
- 5940 MERRIEWOOD**, Montclair. New Listing! Charming 3/2 w/views Prudential CA RE 428-0900, Claire & Cindy 644-5434

- \$299,000 5531 MERRIEWOOD**, Montclair. Charming 3/2 remod cottage. Office/fam rm, hdws, yd, decks. The GRUBB Co, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- \$299,000 1525 WELLINGTON ST**, Glenview. 3bd/2ba craftsman Brown Shingle. Needs your care. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- \$295,000 6852 CHAMBERS DR**, Nw listing! 3/2 w/fam rm. Canyon vw. Move in! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 **X111 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$289,000 2692 CAMINO LENADA**, Montclair 3+2. Piedmont Pines contemp w/updtd EIK, FDR. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- \$289,000 1291 BATES RD**, Crocker, refurbished 3/1+ trad'l. New kit/roof/electric Refinished hdws. New paint. Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460
- \$285,000 4463 MORAGA**, Just listed! 4/2 classic Med w/remod kit. Hdws, frpl, lg level yd. AS IS. Berkeley Hills RE, Chris Ehlers-Hardie 524-9888 **X22 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$278,000 6376 THORNHILL DR**, Montclair. 2bd/2ba New Listing! Unique pole house design. Woodsy setting. Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460
- \$274,000 705 SANTA RAY**, Cute spacious 4/2 contemp, updt'd interior. Rumpus, canyon vw, lg yd. In-law potential. GRUBB Co, John Kamay 339-0400
- \$269,000 4624 EL CENTRO**, Glenview. Cute & cozy 2bd/2ba w/rec room. Hdws, frpl, EIK, small yd, patio. Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- \$267,000 5130 MOUNTAIN BLVD**, Redwood Heights, 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Katherine Grubb 339-1174
- \$259,000 4021 BARNER AVE**, 2bd/1.5 ba California Bungalow. First Open! Rumpus. Yard. LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-2109
- \$259,000 2594 LEIMERT BL**, Oakmore 2+1/4. New listing! 20's original cottage on private drive. Lg lot. Pacific Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460
- \$252,000 260 CALDECOTT LN #312**, 2/2 "Carmel" unit w/loft. 2 pkg spaces. Security gate, pool, gym. Templeton, Tricia Swift 652-2133 **X140 SATURDAY ONLY 11-2**
- \$250,000 2355 TIFIN**, Oakmore, charming 3bd/1.5ba w/lovely yard. Convenient location. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- \$249,000 240 CALDECOTT LN #301**, Prime Parkwoods Penthouse! 2+2. New Listing! All amenities. Red Oak 527-3387 **X125 SATURDAY ONLY 11-2**
- \$249,000 34 CLAREWOOD LN**, Rockridge, 1+1+ special twtns. Mstr suite plus loft. FDR. Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- \$235,000 3658 HIGH ST**, Laurel, 2bd/2ba, den. Charming! Plus legal 1bdm apartment above. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- \$229,000 383 COOLIDGE AV**, Laurel, Nw Listing! 2/1 Storybook Spanish Med. Hdws, garden. Mint! Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- \$229,000 3633 HARBOR VIEW**, Redwd Hts. Enchanting English 2/1. Charming kit overlook garden. Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- \$219,000 3930 HANLEY**, Oakmore, 2/1 1/2 in desirable location. Hdws. Garage. LaSalle Properties, Victor Fierro 339-8900
- \$219,000 4102 FONTAINE CT**, Clean, all level 3bd/1ba. RV/boat parking. Prudential CA RE 428-0900, Sherri Oakley 644-5424
- \$219,000 3720 VIRDEN AV**, Redwd Hts, 2/1. New Listing! Charming Spanish w/bay view. Yd, deck. Pacific Union, Wendy Sprague 339-6460
- \$219,000 619 62ND ST**, New listing! 2/1 bungalow w/craftsman details. Det'd workspace. Prudential CA 845-0200, Lois Kadosh 287-9186 **SUN 2-5**
- \$215,000 4749 WILKIE ST**, Sweet 2bd starter w/big beautiful yard. Charm, sunny, spacious. Hdwd flrs. Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174
- \$210,000 5416 BROADWAY #3**, Fab Rockridge 2bd/1.5ba w/light, and bright views! Nr BART & shops. Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174
- \$179,900 2938 57TH AVE**, Mills Garden. 3+1/4. Spacious Spanish trad'l. Prudential CA RE 339-9290, Vikki Landes 869-4225
- \$179,000 6108 RACINE**, North Oakland 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Lori Arazi 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$179,000 2901 MADELINE**, Dimond district, 2/2 charming bungalow. This gem won't last! Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- \$167,000 3120 BIRDSALL AVE**, Maxwell Park, 2/1 charmer! Hdws, new kit. Excellent condition! Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000
- \$162,500 388 SANTA CLARA AVE #106**, Sunny 2/2 corner unit. Short walk to Grand Ave shops. Gadsby & Associates, Luverne 748-5300
- \$155,000 7555 HILLMONT DR**, Spacious & bright 2/1 view home. Bonus rm. Nr 73rd Ave. Gadsby & Associates, Frank 748-5300
- \$149,000 1412 8TH ST**, Great price/great area! Cute 2bd/1ba Prudential CA RE 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239
- \$149,000 3274 NICOL AVE**, Totally updated 2bd/1.5ba charmer! Nice lg yd. Better Homes RE, Meko Winnaker 925-284-9500 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$139,500 2401 27TH AV**, Nw Listing. 2/1 charming special bungalow w/lg rooms. Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- \$138,000 2342 27TH AVE**, Tastefully renovated 2bd/1ba. Open wood stove. Wood floors. Sunny back yd. By Owner 533-6168 **SUNDAY 1-5**
- \$115,000 2106 102ND AVE**, Charming 2/1. Modern throughout. Great front/back yds. Seller Motivated! Prudential CA, Damon 834-2010 **SUNDAY 1-3**
- \$108,000 6724 MOKELUMNE AVE**, 2bd/2ba Brown Shingle. Fruit Trees. Prudential CA RE 339-9290, Eric Johnson 869-4246

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- \$279,000 578 QUEENS**, Grt 2/2 unit, frpl in mstr, balcony w/view onto common grassy area. Prudential CA, Eunice Edwards 337-8670 **SUN 1-4**
- \$255,000 2608 EAGLE AVE**, 2/1. New listing! Charm. Remod kit. Brkfst nook. Det'd cabana. Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 **SUN 2-4:30**
- \$210,000 329 CENTRAL AVE**, Very cute 2bd/1 1/2 ba with many updates. Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

ALBANY OPEN SUNDAY

- \$295,000 1055 ORDWAY**, 3+1/5 sunny trad'l. Prime location. Bonus rm w/ French drs to yd. Marvin Gardens, Kathie Berg 287-8752 **SUN 2-4:30**
- \$295,000 971 VENTURA**, Albany 2+bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$238,000 1018 TALBOT**, One of a kind! Spiffy 3/2, lg decks, garden. Separate studio. Not a drive by! Berkeley Hills RE, Terese Ashman 524-9888 **X11 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$225,000 945 TAYLOR**, 2bd/1ba on corner lot. Hdwd floors. Tile kitchen. Prudential CA RE, Darrin Tinsley 287-5837 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

BERKELEY OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

- \$730,000 123 PARKSIDE**, J.H.Thomas craftsman. 4+3/4 in best location! Pvt yd. 2-car garage. Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 **X242**
- \$649,000 1117 EUCLID**, 2+bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$579,000 30 HILL RD**, 4+4/4 contemporary. Dramatic pano vws from 3 levels. Poss.office/legal in-law. Red Oak RE 527-3387 **X103 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$545,000 3015 BENVENUE**, New listing! 4+3/3 Brown Shingle in Elmwood. Study, nw kit opens to deck. Templeton, Trish McNeany 652-2133 **X125**
- \$445,000 743 WOODHAVEN**, Next to Tilden Park on private rd. 5/3. Study, fam rm, gar, pool. Berkeley Hills RE, Maya Trilling 524-9888 **X18 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$435,000 1400 SCENIC**, Exceptional charm & details! Views! 3bd/2.5ba. Sun room, den, Templeton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 **X145 SUN 2-5**
- \$429,000 764 CONTRA COSTA**, New price! Desirable Thousand Oaks. 4bd/2ba. Character. Stunning vws. Templeton, Ruth Prassetto 652-2133 **X147**
- \$389,000 169 AVENIDA DR**, Top of Berkeley Hills. Breathtaking bridge/bay vws! 3bd/1.5ba. Decks + garage. Ideal home office. Quiet. Secluded. Peaceful. Inspirational. Not on MLS. Agent 837-7111 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- \$359,000 2808 ADELIN ST**, Victorian jewel to polish. 2 flats. 2/1 upper & 3/2 lower. Full bsmt. Det'd retail commercial bldg. Thornwall Properties, Wendy Ewe 848-1950 **X235 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$345,000 5568 JEAN ST**, First Open! Elegant, charming classic 2-story Brown Shingle Arts & Crafts. 3+1/5. FDR, Sleeping porch, garden. Red Oak RE, Kathy Nitsan 527-3387 **X125**

- \$339,500 44 BONNIE LN**, Adorable 2/1.5 cozy 1-level, big bay vw! Garden. Prudential CA RE 845-0211, Nancy Taussig 849-5316
- \$329,000 1400 QUEENS RD**, Price Reduced! 3bd/1 1/2ba w/bay view! Prudential CA RE 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232
- \$316,000 913 MODOC**, Berkeley 3 bedroom craftsman Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Kathie Berg 287-8752
- \$309,000 6029 CHABOLYN TERRACE**, Rockridge 3/2+. Contractor special. Nds TLC. Grt location! Prudential CA, Fatima Ali 845-6021
- \$309,000 2907-09 FLORENCE**, Lower Elmwood duplex. 2/1 each unit. Grt opportunity for owner occupant. Prudential CA, Nancy Moore 849-5338
- \$289,500 1201 MONTEREY AV**, Ne listing! Charming 2bd Med, hdws, FDR, new kit/bath. Red Oak Realty, Patrick 527-3387 **X110**
- \$289,000 3037 DEAKIN ST**, West Elmwood. 3/1.5 Edwardian Rose w/expansion potential for attic. Prudential CA 845-0200, 530-7319, 528-9284
- \$289,000 1612 BELVEDERE**, 3/2 innovative 3 level w/stunning addition! Skylites, more! Red Oak RE, Sara 527-3387 **X105 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$282,500 1535 MARTIN LUTHER KING WY**, 3/1 Stucco Bungalow w/craftsmn details. Walk BART, cafes. Templeton, Marlene 652-2133 **X121 SUN 2-4**
- \$274,500 1541 CHANNING WAY**, Berkeley 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$265,000 1311 ACTON**, New listing! 2bd w/det'd home office. Frpl. Landscpd. On cul-de-sac. Templeton, Carol Libby Neil 652-2133 **X145 SUN 2-4**
- \$227,500 1729 CALIFORNIA ST**, New listing! Sharp, clean 2bd. Exc. location Red Oak RE, Tom Cone 527-3387 **X104 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$205,000 1906 MILVIA**, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths Coldwell Banker, Pat Brennan 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$199,000 1335 WARD ST**, 2/2 completely refurbished! Hdws, FDR, bonus rm. Termite clear. Big yd. ERI/Better Homes & Garden 482-7465 **SUN 12-4**
- \$189,900 2825 DOHR**, Ne listing! 3bd, grt neighborhd, lg remod kit, nw cpt & paint. Garage. Red Oak RE, Brenda 527-3387 **X129 SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$186,500 2283 CEDAR ST**, North Berkeley 1bd/1ba craftsman condo nr UCB & Walnut Square. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000 **SUNDAY 1-5**
- \$180,000 2810 SACRAMENTO**, 3bd/1ba sweet starter. Hdws, spacious yd w/ fruit trees & roses. Prudential CA 845-0200, Rebecca 869-4520 **SUN 2-4**
- \$179,000 800 1/2 DELAWARE ST**, 2/1 bright upper Victorian unit on historic block. Nr Fourth St shops. Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460
- \$104,000 1814 BLAKE**, 1bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Joan Barnett 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**

EL CERRITO OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

- \$625,000 1423 RIFLE RANGE**, El Cerrito 5bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Barbara Marienthal 486-1495
- \$298,000 7760 STOCKTON AVE**, EC/Kensington. 3/2 urban sanctuary. Bay views! Pvt patio, Kensington school. Arista RE, Lela 527-1770
- \$269,000 7426 TERRACE DR**, Charming 3/2 w/hdws, frpl, 2 lg plus rm spaces for ofc/storage. Deck, lg pvt yd. Security Pacific, Geri Stern 234-7808
- \$255,000 146 POMONA**, 2/1 well loved, meticulously maintained. Popular neighborhood! Thomwall Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 **X230**
- \$208,000 1715 LIBERTY #1**, New listing! 3+2.5 New York style twtns. Renovated by skilled designer. Templeton Company Carol Libby Neil 652-2133 **X146**
- \$114,000 3425 BELMONT AVE**, New listing! Tiny 1bd gem awaiting polish! Yd, garage, laundry. Red Oak RE, Bob 527-3387 **X132**

EMERYVILLE OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

- \$235,000 5914 FREMONT**, Beautiful 3/2 bungalow. Gardener's delight! Country kit, wood floors, frpl. Red Oak RE, Sara 527-3387 **X105**

HAYWARD OPEN SATURDAY 1-4

- \$239,000 542 EVANGELINE WY**, Modern 3/2 CA ranch, immaculate, hdws, nw cpt, updt'd kit/baths. Gallagher & Lindsey, Debra Gorman 769-9109

LAFAYETTE OPEN SUNDAY

- \$559,000 1 SPRINGHILL LANE**, 4bd/2ba. Country charm on flat 1/2 acre. Recently remodeled. Ellie Bowden & Assoc. 925-939-2858 **SUNDAY 1-5**
- \$549,000 42 KNOX DR**, 4/2 on pvt wooded lot w/creek. Nr Orinda border & freeway, but no noise! Alain Pinel RE 934-1111, Donna 945-4500 **SUNDAY 1-4**

ORINDA OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

- \$629,000 87 CLAREMONT AVE**, New construction. Custom quality. 4bd/2ba. Estimated completion is June 15. Heritage RE, Paul 925-945-5966

PIEDMONT OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

- \$995,000 6 PACIFIC AVE**, New listing. 5/3 elegant trad'l. Renovated. Kit/fam rm. Yd. Walk to schools. Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460
- \$988,000 760 HIGHLAND AVE**, 5+3/3, family rm, 2 frpl. Close to park & schools. Gardens. Play area. Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174
- \$849,950 196 SANDRINGHAM RD**, Spacious updated 3bdm/3.5 baths. Prudential CA RE 428-0900, Cindy Fleming/B. Klein
- \$759,000 14 LANGDON CT**, New listing. 4/3 w/elegant decor, beautiful condition. Level out to garden. Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460
- \$739,000 44 CROCKER AVE**, Just listed! Very private. Kit/great rm combo plus family rm. Hdws, pool. Coldwell Banker, Ruby/Karen 339-1174
- \$695,000 255 SCENIC AVE**, Luxury 3/3 custom home w/SF bay & canyon views. Gourmet kit, family room. Pacific Union, Roselle Woods 339-6460
- \$669,000 62 WILDWOOD GARDENS**, 3bd/2.5 ba, rumpus rm w/frpl. EIK w/ garden access. The GRUBB Co, Mindy Scott 339-0400
- \$650,000 165 WOODLAND WY**, Opportunity knocks! 4/1.5 English style. Landscaping potential. The GRUBB Co, Mindy Scott 339-0400

- \$569,000 140 DUDLEY**, Custom 3+bd/2 1/2ba ranch. Come See! Prudential CA RE 428-0900, Rose Johnson 644-5401
- \$415,000 301 EL CERRITO**, Much Potential! Great street! 2/1+ & 3 plus rms! Prudential CA RE 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434
- \$349,000 1135 HARVARD**, Sunny & bright Med w/hdws. Garden & patio. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174
- \$249,000 1456 GRAND AVE**, Above the road. 2bdm w/FDR, refin hdws, yd and garage. The GRUBB Co, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400

PINOLE OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

- \$225,000 3735 CAROL ST**, Pinole Valley, 3bd/2ba in great neighborhood! Serene setting. Park-like yd. Move In! Discount Brokers 482-8100

RICHMOND OPEN SUNDAY

- \$479,000 6041 PARK**, 5/3 Brown Shingle 2/3 ac adjacent to Wildcat Cyn trails. Family rm, greenhouse, spa, more! Templeton Co, Ron Egberman 652-2133 **X127 SUNDAY 2-4:30**
- \$249,000 5967 ARLINGTON BL**, R View 3bd/2.5ba contemp w/sweeping bay vws & grt yard! Red Oak RE 527-3387 **X103 SUNDAY 2-4**

SAN LEANDRO OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

- \$289,000 218 BEVERLY AVE**, 1st open! Stately 3+2 Tudor. Det'd bonus rm. Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

Coldwell Banker's Preview success

Statistics released by George Pelton, National Director of Coldwell Banker's Previews Program, show that sales during the first quarter of 1998 showed the largest quarter to quarter increase in Coldwell Banker's history for properties priced at one million dollars or more. The top properties ranged in price from \$6.9 million to \$14 million.

The company closed 799 properties in this price range during this past quarter with a total sales volume of \$1.34 billion, representing an increase of 183 percent in property sales and 194 percent in sales volume over the first quarter of 1997. Pelton expects results through the remainder of 1998 to continue this dramatic trend.

"What makes these figures even more impressive is the fact that 1997 was the best year ever in the sale of million-dollar properties for Coldwell Banker and the Previews program," said Pelton. Million-dollar sales volume for 1997 was up over 114 percent over 1996.

Previews is an exclusive program dedicated to the find art of marketing exceptional residential

properties. The program is exclusively available through Coldwell Banker brokers and sales associates.

"In the past four years since the reintroduction of the significantly enhanced Previews Program, Coldwell Banker has improved its sales of million-dollar properties by more than 350 percent," he said.

Another interesting trend that Pelton notes is the increase in buyer representation by Coldwell Banker for its luxury home listings. For the top 10 luxury home listings that were sold through the company in 1997, Coldwell Banker represented the buyer in 50 percent of the sales.

Pelton credits this increase in buyer representation to the comprehensive marketing activities undertaken by the Previews Program to expose exceptional property listings on a local and international basis.

For more information about Coldwell Banker's Preview program call Bev Muncer, manager Coldwell Banker's Montclair office at 339-1174.

REAL ESTATE FORUM

DIAN HYMER



Think of a house or condominium as if it were a theatrical stage. When the stage is empty, it looks like a hole in the wall. It lacks interest. But after the set designers and lighting technicians apply their handiwork, the stage comes alive. It becomes captivating.

Without furnishings, many homes aren't too interesting. They don't feel warm, cozy and inviting. They look like skeletons. But, when you add furniture, rugs, art and house plants, a home develops character.

Most buyers have difficulty imagining how a vacant home would look furnished. They can't see the potential of a home unless it's graphically displayed for them. This is why many builders go to the expense of renting furnishings for a vacant home before they put it on the market.

Some buyers can't make sense of the floor plan of a home that's not furnished. They have difficulty fig-

Selling furnished, selling vaca

uring how the home functions. So they can't imagine themselves living there. Buyers fall in love with a house because they can see themselves living there.

It's often hard to get a feel for the size of a home when it's vacant. There are always exceptions to the rule, but generally buyers have an easier time mentally placing their furniture in a home that's furnished with someone else's belongings.

Furniture can provide a gauge. For example, it's easy to see if a king-size bed will fit in a room if it already comfortably holds a queen-size bed. In an unfurnished bedroom, the answer might not be obvious.

Some furnished homes need weeding out and de-cluttering for the best marketing results. An over-furnished home—even if it's spacious—can appear cramped, crowded and small. But, a comfortably furnished home will show the living space off advantageously. When a buyer looks at a dining room that easily holds a dining room table, ten chairs and a buffet, the impression is that the room is ample for entertaining.

Buyers often like to sit down in a home they're considering buying to get a sense of how they'll feel living

there. An unfurnished house doesn't offer this opportunity. A furnished house leaves less to the buyer's imagination. The buyer can simply walk in, sit down and say "this is the house for me."

Furnished homes are easier to sell if they're neat, clean, appealing and if the furniture suits the home. This can pose a problem for sellers who are selling tenant-occupied property. Most sellers acquire furniture that compliments their homes. Tenants, on the other hand, might have furniture that looks out-of-place.

Ideally, a tenant-occupied property should be put on the market after the tenants move out. Then the owner can paint, if necessary, and complete needed fix-up for sale projects. Furniture can be rented and accessories moved in to give the home a lived-in look.

Sellers often object to asking the tenant to leave before the home is sold because they will lose rental income. However, a home that shows well will sell faster and for more money. This could more than offset lost rental income.

Homeowners who are transferred by their employers often have to start work in a new locale before their home is sold. Should they pack

up all their belongings out or leave their home until it sells?

Some employers offer to chase the transferee's home, takes the responsibility for the home off the employee. In this case, the employee packs up and move.

The burden of selling is on the company. The might be wise to rent furniture to have the home staged to sell no longer the employee's.

Relocating sellers who have the benefit of a company out are wise to keep the furnished until it sells. Either your furniture in the house it's being marketed or rent to replace what you take.

If you personally stand to lose from the sale of your home, best to have it as well-furnished possible while it's on the market.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying a Home in California," "Starting Out, The Complete Buyer's Guide", both Chronicle Books. Order copies: Chronicle books: (800) 721-

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- 670 HIGHLAND AVE. - New in Piedmont - Built for present owner in '59 with 5+BD/3BA, family room, 2 fireplaces. Close to park & schools. Gardens & play area. PAT WHITTINGSLOW\$988,000
- 6010 BULLARD - Piedmont side of Montclair - Large Cape Cod with Bay view on 1/3+ acre. 4+BD/3BA, formal dining room, fireplace. NANCY DICKEY\$829,000
- 44 CROCKER AVE. - Piedmont - Just Listed - One level living. Very private. Kitchen, great room combo. Family room too. Gleaming hardwood floors, pool. RUBY NG/KAREN LUM\$739,000
- 7055 ELVERTON - Skyline Area - Pvt retreat w/ exceptional amenities, gorgeous views of Bay. Secluded setting, pool, sauna, party rm, grt use of wood interiors. 3BD/2BA. DON COELHO\$680,000
- 2 BINNACLE HILL - Hiller Highlands - Care & thought went in to this elegant end unit. 3BD/2.5BA, expanded kitchen & dining room, great finishes & fabulous views. ADRIENNE BROCHE\$529,000
- 11220 GOLF LINKS - At Golf Course - Level living in a setting amid parklands. Family room, dining area & master suite open to deck & yard. 4BD/3BA. RUTH LOCKHART\$359,000
- 1135 HARVARD - Piedmont Charming! - New listing. Sunny & bright Mediterranean, hardwood floors, level out to nice garden and patio. 2BD/1BA. RUBY NG/KAREN LUM\$349,000
- 330 ELYSIAN FIELDS - Sequoyah Hills - Level 3BD/2BA home with family room off kitchen plus level courtyard with grassy play area, 2-car garage. Hardwood floors! GEORGE KARSANT\$308,000
- 4624 EL CENTRO - Glenview - Cute & Cozy - Neat as a pin. Neutral decor, impeccable 2BD/2BA w/ rec room. Hdwd flrs, fireplace, small rear yard & patio, eat-in kitchen. NANCY DICKEY\$269,000
- 5416 BROADWAY #3 - Fabulous Rockridge - Step through the door & leave the world behind! 2BD/1.5BA with light & bright views. Close to BART & shopping. ELENA STONE\$210,000
- 329 CENTRAL AVENUE - Alameda - New listing! Bungalow, adorable 2BD/1.5BA with new kitchen & bath in 1992. NANCY DICKEY\$210,000
- 4749 MILKIE ST. - Sweet Starter - Very charming, sunny 2BD with great big beautiful level yard, spacious rooms, hardwood floors. EVELYN WALKER\$215,000

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 13699 SKYLINE BLVD.MONTCLAIR.....5BD/4BA.....\$1,199,000.....KEN MACDONALD
- 5010 PROCTORROCKRIDGE.....5BD/4BA.....\$839,000.....MARILYN BREMSER
- 62 SCHOONERHILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD/3.5BA.....\$595,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
- 5130 MOUNTAINREDWOOD HEIGHTS.....3BD/2BA.....\$267,000.....KAY GRUBB

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- PIEDMONT GEM!\$1,995,000
Magnificent Medit. on approx 1/2 acre designed in the 1920's by Newsome 5BD/4.5BA, grand living room, library, 4 fireplaces, spacious master suite, sunny level yard. Exceptional detailing. Dian Hymer
- STUNNING ESTATE\$1,500,000
Spectacular Contemporary on almost 2 acres overlooking the greater Bay Area. Amenities include 5BD/6 full baths, privacy, pool, 4-car garage, fabulous for entertaining. George Sarant
- WATERFRONT HOME\$1,200,000
Elegant French Mediterranean arch designed on Bay/with SF/Bridge views! 4BD/4BA, gourmet kitchen, hand wrought details. Pat Whittingslow
- SKYLINE ESTATES\$1,000,000
Mediterranean estate situated on almost all level 1+ acre. Built 16 years ago, features 4BD/4.5BA. Gourmet kitchen. Private! Donna Conroy
- MONTCLAIR\$559,000
Enjoy the Golden Gate & canyon views from this roomy home. Formal dining, family room. Master retreat. 3BD/2+BA. Ruth Lockhart
- MONTCLAIR - 4 TO CHOOSE FROM\$550,000
New construction homes to be completed by Milano Developments. 3BD - den or 4BD/3BA, custom built kitchen, hdwd flrs, elegant mst suite with whirlpool tub 2-car interior access garage. Wooded views. Plans available in office. Jack Brennehan
- RIDGEMONT\$525,000
Home with a splendid view of San Francisco and the Bay. Gourmet kitchen, 3 fireplaces, family room, 3+BD/3BA. Ruth Lockhart
- MONTCLAIR - GREAT VALUE!\$479,000
Spacious living room w/ flagstone fireplace & partial Bay view. Beam ceilings, formal dining rm, updated kit, den w/ built-ins. 5BD/3.5BA plus complete au pair unit w/ sep. entrance. Adriana Giacomelli
- CROCKER DUPLEX\$289,000
Charming Tudor style, hardwood floors, yard, big deck, great owner occupant or extended family or good income. Donna Conroy
- NEW LISTING!\$269,000
Soaring ceilings, walls of glass, radiant heat, ldsd yard, walk to Village. Won't last! George Karsant
- A DOLL HOUSE!\$239,000
How about kitchen/family rm, level out to yard, plus det'd studio/office! Yes! Hdwd floors, fireplace & convenient loc. 2BD/1.5BA. Adorable! Rachel Baller
- MILLS COLLEGE AREA\$189,000
Lovely 3BD bungalow has LR w/ rpl & coved ceiling formal dining rm & updated kit. Ruth Lockhart
- LAUREL CUTIE!\$182,500
Small & cute 2BD/1BA. Remodeled kitchen, in great neighborhood. Don't miss an opportunity to buy in this area. Donna Conroy

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- 11117 EUCLIDBERKELEY.....2++BR/3BA.....\$649,000.....TINA ENSIGN
- 1541 CHANNING WAYBERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$274,500.....CHRIS COH
- 1906 MILVIABERKELEY.....3BR/2BA.....\$205,000.....PAT BRENNAN
- 1814 BLAKEBERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$104,000.....JOAN BARNET
- 971 VENTURAALBANY.....2+BR/1BA.....\$295,000.....NANCY REICHER
- 1423 RIFLE RANGEEL CERRITO.....5BR/3BA.....\$625,000.....BARBARA MARIENHA
- 6108 RACINENO. OAKLAND.....2BR/1BA.....\$179,000.....LORRI ARAZ

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

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- STUNNING CONTEMPORARY AT THE TOP OF THE EL CERRITO HILLS\$625,000
Overlooking Wildcat Canyon, this dramatic contemporary sits on a huge, fully landscaped lot. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, plus family rm, formal dining and den/study. Includes workshop & sauna, plus a meditation rm with peaceful views. A must see!
- 1918 TRADITIONAL CHARMER WITH BAY VIEWS\$439,000
JUST LISTED! Perfect North Berkeley location! 3BD/1.5BA, formal dining room & floors. Large yard for gardening or just a walk to Solano Ave. or Hopkins shops.
- CLASSIC NORTH BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN\$329,000
JUST LISTED! Beautiful original details from box beam ceiling to built-ins! 2BR/1BA with formal dining. Lovely private deck and yard. Top neighborhood a short walk to Solano Avenue, Monterey Market or Gourmet Ghetto.
- SUPER ALBANY TRADITIONAL BUNGALOW\$295,000
JUST LISTED! Great location with beautiful hill and partial Bay views. 2BR plus glass paneled sunroom, formal dining and eat-in kitchen. Gorgeous hardwood floors, full of natural light! Great location, Albany schools. Large grassy yard.
- MOM WILL APPROVE THIS BERKELEY BUNGALOW\$290,000
JUST LISTED! Charming 1920's bungalow on one of North Berkeley's most coveted streets. Full of light with built-ins that match the curved windows and front door. Private garden with paths to the bird bath. 2BR/1BA + formal dining.
- DELIGHTFUL BERKELEY BUNGALOW\$274,500
JUST LISTED! Beautiful country kitchen, remodeled 1991. 2BR/1BA with formal dining with built-ins, living room with elegant fireplace and bay window. Lovely gardens and walk to BART.
- 3 BEDROOM HOUSE NEAR CAMPUS & DOWNTOWN\$205,000
JUST LISTED! One of two separate houses on one lot, technically a condo. No association fees. 3BR/2BA, walk to downtown, campus or BART. Great price!
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- DARLING CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW\$179,000
JUST LISTED! Fabulous rehab of this North Oakland charmer includes beautiful kitchen and bath remodel, sunny breakfast room, detached art studio, wonderful built-ins, fireplace and wood floors, plus lovely yard.
- COUNTRY COTTAGE IN OAKLAND\$167,000
JUST LISTED! Sunny 3BR cottage on oversized lot bursting with blooming plants. Creek, Bay view, privacy. Refinished wood floors, updated kitchen with Wedgewood. Birds, bees, wildlife!
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The E320: setting a precedent for luxury

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It was a love-hate relationship — golf and driving a Mercedes-Benz E320 Class sedan wagon on the same day. Guess which one was the hate?

Mercedes-Benz has set a precedent for a new luxury wagon with safety, performance and room for seven of its principal objectives.

What could be better than a wagon with all of the love that drives like a sports sedan? I'll tell you, winning one, and getting a ride in one on the same day. Highly unlikely for this writer, but the thrill of maybe one day keeps the team alive.

The new (1998) Mercedes E320 is powered by a new-generation 3.2-liter V-6 engine. It is more responsive and fuel efficient, reaching 0 to 60 miles per hour in under eight seconds.

The return for your money produces an amazing 20 miles per gallon for city driving and 27 mpg highway, according to the EPA.

Our test car averaged 19.2 mpg in combined city and freeway driving, most of it around town.

During my test drive there never was any drag from the engine. The automatic shift changed effortlessly and with 232 lbs-ft torque available during acceleration, I didn't even have to consider changing to my lead shoes.

Mercedes engineers claim the quick acceleration is aided by the sequential fuel injection and electronic throttle control.

Anyway you want to interpret this it still has a quick response when pressing the accelerator. The five-speed automatic transmission is designed to adapt to the style of the individual driver.

On up grades there was a delayed shift reaction, and on hilly descents the vehicle did not run away, but held the down grade efficiently. This is designed for better fuel economy and a great plus — less braking.

Mercedes-Benz has long been known for its excellent braking systems and the wagon does not disappoint



The new (1998) Mercedes E320 is powered by a new-generation 3.2-liter V-6 engine. It is more responsive and fuel efficient, reaching zero to 60 miles per hour in under eight seconds.

with four-wheel disc brakes. An added safety feature is the Mercedes E320's Brake Assist system.

This feature is designed to shorten stopping distances, or detect quick stops when the brake pedal is applied in emergency situations.

Both the Mercedes E320 sedan and wagon share double-wishbone front suspension, and five-link rear suspension. The wagon is equipped with automatic rear level control which adjusts to load capabilities without disturbing the handling and safety.

With approximately 44 cubic feet of cargo space

with the third row seat folded down, there's a whopping 83 cubic feet with the middle and rear seats down. There is even a space for the spare tire. It's tucked under a cover inside the car. No spare stuck on the back door, or protruding on the inside.

I must mention the ease with which the seats fold down. The seat cushions in the middle row can be removed or folded forward. You can even fold the front passenger seat forward for an extra 10 feet of space.

The test was equipped with the optional all-wheel drive system. This advanced four-wheel electronic traction

control system conveys torque distribution to individual wheels during changing weather conditions.

This system can provide power to just one wheel even if the other three wheels lose traction. This occurs to either front or back, left or right which keeps the vehicle moving in any emergency. It is also available for the E320 sedan with a price tag of \$2,750 for both models.

I admit I was Mercedes challenged when I drove my first Benz. I couldn't find the seat adjustment. Who would think of placing it on the door with its outline in the shape of a seat.

This is one thing I like about this luxury vehicle.

No more groping under the seat, pulling the wrong lever and getting flung into the reclining position. Standard features include an automatic climate control where driver and passenger select their own comfortable temperature.

Also included are 10-way power front seats and head restraints, one touch up and down power windows, Power tilt and telescoping steering column add to the long list of features. Who cares about golf? This car is so smart and a pleasure to drive.

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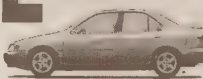
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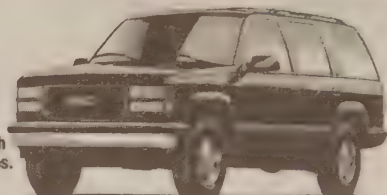
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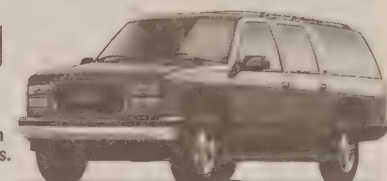


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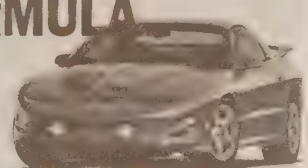


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Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Talon with 101,000 miles. The engine idles fine as long as I move the car prior to starting it up. If I do not let it warm up, the idle fluctuates between 1500/2000 rpm. The engine normally once it is started. The dealer wants to replace the throttle body for a price of \$890, plus labor. An automotive mechanic said the problem was a sensor. Ron: A complete tune-up needs to be done

on all engine vacuum hoses, and the throttle body should be checked for sludge build-up. Do a computer trouble code and sensor valves check while the engine is cold, with a tool such as the Mastertech scan/lab scope. Find a AAA-approved shop in your area, or take the car back to the dealer.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Ford Taurus with a problem in the speedometer and gas gauge. The speedometer sometimes will not register any speed when I am moving and the gas gauge will read 1/4 when the tank is empty. The dealer has not been able to fix this problem. What should I do? Ray

Dear Ray: Some dealers have great technicians, others have parts changers. You should go to another dealer or good independent shop. The problem could be something as simple as a poor ground connection.

Dear Doctor: We own a Mercury Grand Marquis with 40,300 miles on it. When the check engine light came on we took it to the dealer. They hooked it up to their tester and said the problem was the throttle position sensor. They replaced the sensor, but the light still comes on. What should we do? Louise

Dear Louise: The tester the dealer used gave them a code for a problem in the TPS

circuit. The trouble code indicates the problem circuit, not the actual faulty component. The entire circuit still needs to be checked. I find a lot of bad connections, but not as many bad parts as one would think.

Go back to the dealer with this information. There is also the possibility that both your original sensor and the replacement may be bad.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1986 Pontiac 6000 with a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine and three-speed automatic transmission. With light pressure on the gas pedal, at speeds between 25 and 35 miles per hour, the engine seems to be chugging. If I press

down firmer on the gas pedal, the transmission downshifts and the engine is fine. The dealer replaced the sticking valve and solenoid for \$344, but the problem still persists. What can be done to fix the problem? Kenneth

Dear Kenneth: You need to determine if the chugging is from a late shifting transmission or engine misfire. The load or strain is at the highest point in an automatic transmission when it is in high gear and the lock up torque converter is on. As soon as the transmission downshifts, the load is off the engine, the transmission has some internal slippage, and the engine is at a higher rpm.

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Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 1997 Chevrolet Malibu. I noticed there is condensation in the headlights. I went back to the dealer and they said this was normal. This does not seem right. Is the dealer correct? John

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Don't become a hero by being a fool

DRIVE, SHE SAID

By Denise McCluggage

The top story of a local television station was of a mother being proclaimed a "hero" for bravely fighting off a carjacker with her two small children inside the vehicle. But she really was a fool.

As it turns out the mother had left her toddlers strapped in their car seats as she "ran in" to drop off her dry cleaning. The car was open, the engine running. Hero schmero.

Getting small children in and out of all the straps eats up time and saps energy. The temptation must be great just to "run in" this one time. Don't. Here are some suggestions to avoid the temptations of "just running in."

- Leave the kids with a neighbor and reciprocate the favor when she has errands. Or drop off her cleaning, too.

- Take the neighbor (or someone) with you. A combination car and baby-sitter.
- Find a dry cleaner with a drive-through window. (And find a drive-through bank and a drive-through carwash (most kids love the rainstorm) and a drive-through restaurant.

- Use the full-service pumps at the gas station so you needn't get out of the car at all. As a general rule, if kids are in the car, you or someone else should be, too.

Harried mothers with kids strapped in car seats are not

the only ones who should build up a resistance against the temptation to "run-in." I know of a man who ran in to pick up a newspaper, just time enough for someone with evil intent to sneak into his backseat.

A few miles down the road the interloper popped up with a gun and took the man's money, as well as his car. The thief left the newspaper. And fortunately left the man alive.

Thieves and carjacks are aware of the places where the "run-in" temptation runs strong — post offices, newsstands, convenience stores — and they wait around for a live one and drive off.

Not everyone who "runs-in" gets his, or her, car ripped off, but even if the odds were one in a million, think how stupid you'd feel if you were that one.

It takes mere seconds to shut off the engine and lock the car, particularly with remote control locking devices. If you consciously build the habit of locking up whenever you leave your car, even in your own driveway, you will do it without thinking.

Lock up also at self-serve gas stations. I even lock the car when I pump my gas. (Certainly take the key out of the ignition.) And I look for stations with the credit card instant-pay feature right on the pumps eliminating the need to go into the office. Lock the vehicle if you have to go inside, if you didn't before.

This isn't an exercise in paranoia; it is a weighing of

inconveniences. I am far less inconvenienced by taking the key, or locking the door, than I would be if someone got in my car and drove off leaving me with a windshield squeegee in hand and no windshield to wash.

While on the subject of keeping you, your car and its occupants safe, here are other thoughts on the matter:

- When you are driving on a highway with an overpass, notice if there is anyone standing on it. If so, and you are able, move into a lane away from them.

Not everyone standing on an overpass looking down at the highway is about to drop a cement block on the unsuspecting, but it has happened with fatal results. Moving out of the way is a simple precaution.

- When mall-hopping and leaving your car in a parking lot, don't leave previous purchases exposed. Lock them out of sight before you park the car.

If you go to the car to lock up new purchases before heading back into the mall, avoid becoming a target of a break in by moving the car to a new spot.

- When you are cut off sharply by another driver, followed too closely, or in other ways bothered by another driver, contain your urge for vengeance.

Don't retaliate, you will just feed the escalation of ill feeling. Some people out there have guns, as well as short tempers.

Just turn the other fender and forget it.

A look around the industry

By Arnold Wechter

DETROIT, Mich.—A run-flat tire and a tire that is claimed to provide greater safety than other tires has been unveiled by Bridgestone corp.'s U.S. unit.

Bridgestone-Firestone Inc., a unit of Japan's Bridgestone said both products are based on its new "extended performance optimization" technology.

The double announcement are a response to campaigns by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and France's Michelin to promote run-flat tires.

Shu Ishibashi, Bridgestone-Firestone vice president of consumer tire

marketing, said its rival have wet-performance tires and run-flat tires, "our main focus is on another issue that is much more applicable to daily driving — worn-tire performance."

Bridgestone's new tires use a new ingredient called "extended performance compound" and a new, multicomponent tread structure.

The company claims these refinements minimize the effects of wear and reduce rubber hardening without shortening tread life.

It is claimed the new tires improve wet stopping distance by eight percent even when they are worn.

MONTVALE, N.J.—Which vehicle has the highest rating in owner satisfaction?

It is the Mercedes-Benz ML320 sport-utility vehicle, according to a study by automotive marketing and product consulting company AutoPacific, Inc.

The study also showed Mercedes-Benz passenger vehicles were named to three of the top five positions.

The Mercedes-Benz S-Class tied for second place, and the all-new ML320 coupe took fifth place. In addition, two of the top three models in the sports car category were from Mercedes-Benz: the SL coupe/roadster was recognized first, and the SLK, with its unique retractable hardtop, placed third.

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The Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles is funded by Washington for research aimed at fuel efficiency and cleaner cars.

But the program does not allow foreign-owned auto companies doing business in the U.S. to participate.

Government officials, many of whom run defense-related laboratories where the auto research is done, are attempting to figure out whether a German-owned company could participate in the partnership.

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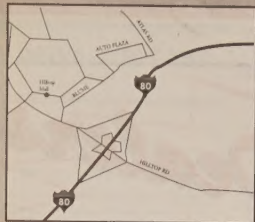
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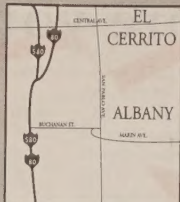
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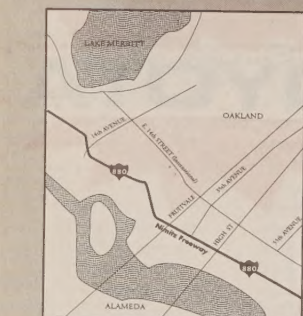
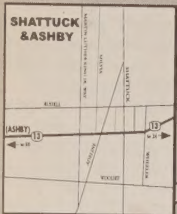
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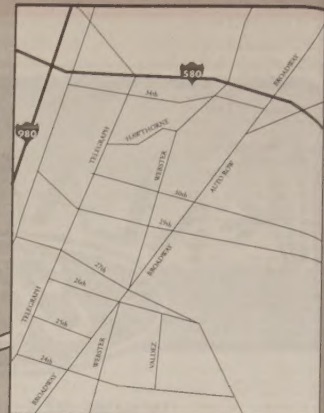
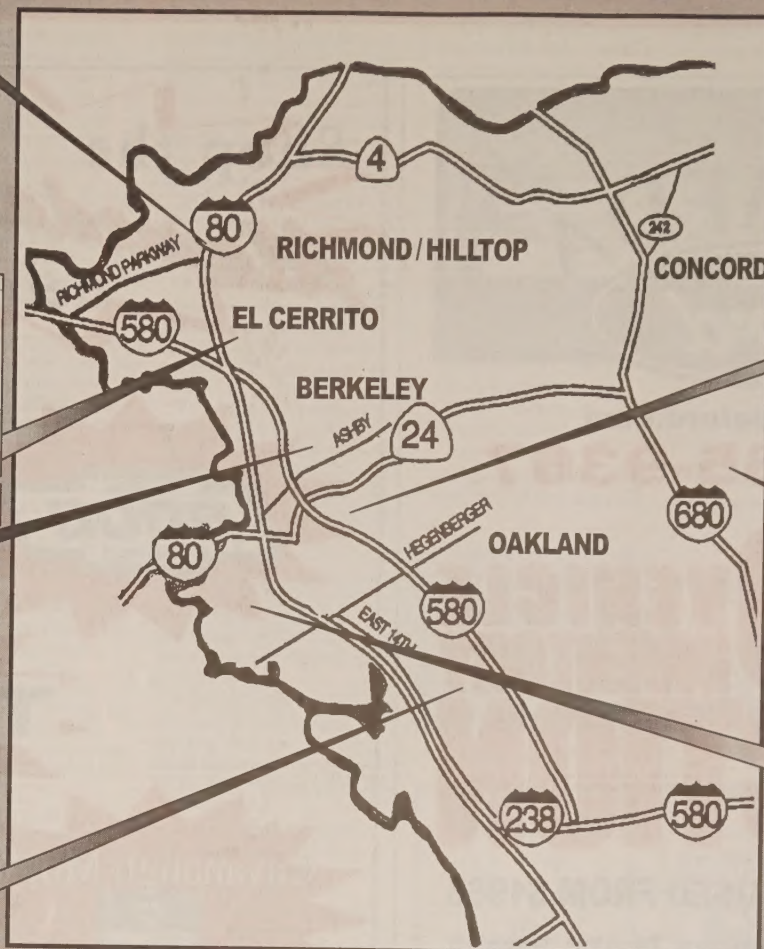
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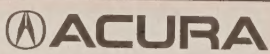
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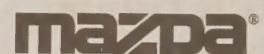


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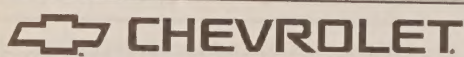


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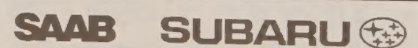
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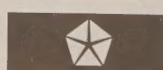
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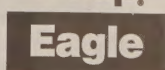
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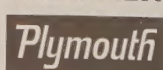
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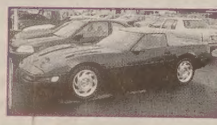
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